Sent to: Executive Committee July 1, 1957

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BY-LAWS

of the

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

ARTICLE I. NAME, AREA, AND PURPOSES

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the Southern Regional Council, Incorporated. The terms "Council" or "Corporation" used hereafter in these by-laws shall mean the "Southern Regional Council, Inc."

Section 2. Area. For the purposes of this corporation the Southern Region shall be defined as embracing the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. All members of the corporation shall be residents of this area. This area may be increased or reduced at any annual meeting of the members as hereinafter defined.

(UNDERSCORED WORD OMITTED AND A SUBSTITUTE WORD ADDED)

Section 3. Purposes. The purposes of the Southern Regional Council are to exist and function as an eleemosynary organization, and more particularly to organize and maintain a Regional Council and to cooperate with affiliated (like) State organizations in the Southern Region for the improvement of economic, civic, and racial conditions, in the endeavor to promote a greater unity in the South in all efforts towards regional and racial development; to attain through research and action programs the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the region; to reduce race tension, the basis of racial tension, racial misunderstanding, and racial distrust; to develop and integrate leadership in the South on new levels of regional development and fellowship; and to cooperate with local, state, regional, and national agencies on all levels in the attainment of the desired objectives. The Council shall not engage in carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation nor engage in any form of political activities.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERS

Section 1. Members.

A. The members of the corporation shall be as follows:

(UNDERSCORED FIGS. OMITTED SUBSTITUTE FIGS. ADDED)

1. Not more than 50 (74) or less than 40 (64) persons, hereafter called members, elected by the annual meeting at which these by-laws are adopted.

(ENTIRE PAR. TO BE OMITTED)

2. Two persons, hereafter called ex-officio members, from each affiliated State organization. These two persons

from each affiliated State organization shall be the chairman of such affiliated organization and one additional member elected by the members of such organization.

(UNDERSCORED FIG. AND WORD OMITTED FIG. 3 SUBSTITUTED)

2. (3) The president, the vice-presidents, the treasurer and counsel, shall also be ex-officio members.

B. A member, as distinct from an ex-officio member, shall hold office for four years (except as provided in Section 1-C of this Article) and until his successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified and until he shall have resigned or shall have been removed in the manner provided by Section 8 in this Article. No such member shall serve more than two consecutive full terms of four years each (or, in accordance with Section 1-C of this Article, one short term and one full four-year term, consecutively.) Chairmen of affiliated state organizations shall hold ex-officio membership in the corporation as long as they are chairmen of affiliated State organizations, and ex-officio members elected by their affiliated State organizations shall hold membership in the corporation for not more than two consecutive four-year terms or portions thereof.

(UNDERSCORED SECTION TO BE OMITTED)

C. The members elected at the meeting at which these by-laws are adopted shall be divided by lot in such a way that the terms of one-half shall expire at the time of the annual meeting in 1955, and the remainder at the annual meeting in 1957.

D. Successors to members (as distinct from ex-officio members) shall, upon expiration of terms or death, resignation, or removal, be elected by all members of the corporation, including ex-officio members, at the next meeting, following occurence of such vacancy. provided that in such elections the executive director and the assistant directors shall not be entitled to vote.

(UNDERSCORED SECTION TO BE OMITTED)

Section 2. Notice of Meetings and Membership Rights.

A. Notice of the place, day, and hour of every regular and special meetings shall be given to each member and ex-officio member not less than ten (10) days before the meeting, by delivering the same to him personally, or sending the same to him by telegraph or telephone or by leaving the same at his last known post office address, according to the records of the corporation. It shall not be requisite to the validity of any meeting of the Council that notice thereof shall have been received by any member and ex-officio member who is present thereat or, if absent, waives notice thereof in writing filed with the records of the meeting either before or after the holding thereof. No notice of any adjourned meeting of the Council need be given.

B. The rights of any member in the corporation shall not be assignable or transferable, except in the case of proxies, as provided in Section 4 of this Article and his rights shall cease with death, resignation, or termination of membership for any cause.

Section 3. Voting. Each member or ex-officio member shall have one vote and, except in cases in which it is by the charter or by these by-laws otherwise provided, a majority of the votes cast shall be sufficient to elect and to pass any measure. Voting by mail may be conducted on such questions and in such manner as may be provided by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Proxies. Any member or ex-officio member entitled to vote at any meeting of members may vote either in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be given to members of this body only, and each one shall designate the name of the member who shall act as proxy. Every proxy shall be in writing, subscribed by the member, or his duly authorized attorney, and dated, but need not be sealed, witnessed, or acknowledged. Proxies shall be delivered to the secretary of the corporation before such meeting or to the inspectors at the meeting.

(UNDERSCORED SECTION TO BE OMITTED)

Section 5. Annual Meetings. The corporation shall hold annually a meeting for the election of officers and for the transaction of general business at its principal office in Atlanta at ten o'clock a.m. on the second Wednesday in November in each year, if not a legal holiday, or at such other place and such other time within sixty days as may be designated by the Executive Committee, provided notice of such meeting, including day, hour, and place, shall be given each member of the Council in writing at least thirty days in advance. Such annual meetings shall be general meetings; that is to say, open for the transaction of any business within the powers of the corporation without special notice of such business, unless otherwise provided in these by-laws.

Section 6. Special Meetings. At any time in the interval between annual meetings, special meetings may be called by the president or any ten (10) members or ex-officio members.

Section 7. Quorum. Fifteen members and/or ex-officio members of the Council shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at every meeting of the members; but if at any meeting there be less than a quorum present, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time, but not for a period of over fifteen (15) days at any one time, without notice other than by announcement at the meeting until a quorum shall attend. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified.

Section 8. Removal. At any meeting called with that purpose stated in the call, any member may, by a majority of the votes cast, be removed from office for cause, and another be appointed in the place of the person so removed to serve for the remainder of his term. Permanent change of residence or citizenship to a point beyond the area, as defined in or pursuant to Article I, Section 2, will automatically terminate the membership of one so changing residence or citizenship.

ARTICLE III. FELLOWS

The Council may award honorary fellowships, not exceeding one hundred (100) in number, to Southerners who have demonstrated exceptional talent for constructive leadership. Fellows shall be chosen in such manner as the Council may prescribe, provided they are well distributed as to race, sex, creed, occupation, and place of residence. The duties of fellows shall be to cooperate with the Council as observers, advisers, correspondents, and special representatives. Fellows may receive such honoraria or reimbursement of expenses incurred at the request of the Executive Committee as the Council may direct. The term of a fellowship shall be for two years, unless otherwise provided by the Council, and fellowships may be renewed or withdrawn at the discretion of the Council. Fellows need not be members of the corporation.

ARTICLE IV. AFFILIATES

Organized groups or agencies whose aims and methods are closely akin to the aims and methods of the Southern Regional Council may, at the discretion of the Council, become affiliates of the Council, upon such conditions as the corporation may prescribe. The by-laws of such organized groups or agencies shall be approved by the Council or the Executive Committee of the Council in advance of affiliation. Alterations in the by-laws of such affiliated organizations shall become valid only after written approval of the proposed altered language by or on behalf of the Southern Regional Council. The Council shall prescribe a uniform accounting and auditing system for all affiliated organizations and shall require adherence to such system by all affiliated organizations. Affiliated organizations may disaffiliate. The Council may require disaffiliation for breach of the by-laws of an affiliated organization, or in the event that (after a hearing by the Council) the Council deems the aims and methods of such organization to be no longer closely akin to those of the Southern Regional Council. In the event of disaffiliation, any property of the affiliate purchased with the proceeds of Council aid to such affiliate shall be at the disposition of the Council.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Committee. The Council shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than nine (9) members in addition to the president and vice-presidents, treasurer and counsel. The Executive Committee shall serve during the pleasure of the Council and may be discharged and the Committee abolished at any time by the Council. Unless one of the members shall have been designated as chairman by the Council, the Executive Committee shall elect a

chairman from its own number. During the intervals between the meetings of the Council the Executive Committee shall possess and may exercise all of the powers of the corporation, conferred by these by-laws or the charter of the corporation, in all cases in which specific directions shall not have been given by the Council. The Executive Committee shall keep full and fair accounts of its transactions. All action by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Council at its meeting next succeeding such action, and shall be subject to revision and alterations by the Council; provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration. Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Council or the Executive Committee itself during the interim between Council meetings. All vacancies shall be filled from among members of the Council.

Section 2. Meetings of Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall fix its own rules of procedure, and shall meet as provided by such rules or by resolution of the Council, and it shall also meet at the call of the chairman or of any three members of the Committee. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of not less than five (5) members of the Committee. If necessary, members of the Executive Committee may by written notice appoint a proxy from among the members of the Council to attend and vote on behalf of such members.

Section 3. National Advisory Committee. The Council may establish a National Advisory Committee, composed of persons who reside outside the area of the Southern Regional Council and who are sympathetic with the aims and policies of the Council, whose purpose shall be to advise the Council on matters pertaining to its work.

Section 4. Nominating Committee. There shall be a Nominating Committee of not less than five (5) members. Three members shall be elected by the Council from its membership at its annual meeting. and one of these shall be an "ex-officio" member of the Council from an affiliated State organization. Two members shall be appointed by the joint action of the President and the Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee shall meet not less than thirty (30) days before the annual meeting for the purpose of nominating: (1) members of the Council, (2) officers of the Council, (3) members of the Executive Committee and (4) three members of the succeeding Nominating Committee.

(UNDER-SCORED SECTION TO BE OMITTED)

Section 5. Other Committees. The Council may by resolution provide for such other standing or special committees as it deems desirable and may discontinue the same at pleasure. Each such committee shall have such powers and perform such duties, not inconsistent with these by-laws, as may be assigned to it by the Council. If provision be made for any such committee, the members thereof shall be appointed by the Council. Vacancies in such committees shall be filled by the Council or by such committee or officer as the Council may authorize to fill such vacancies.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

(UNDER-SCORED SECTION ADDED)

Section 1. Executive Officers. The executive officers of the corporation shall be a president; one or more vice-presidents, not to exceed four; an executive director; one or more assistant directors, a secretary, and a treasurer. The president, vice-presidents, and treasurer shall be chosen from among the members of the corporation. The executive director, assistant directors, and secretary shall not be members of the corporation. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person, in which case the secretary-treasurer shall not be a member of the corporation. The president and vice-presidents shall be elected annually by the Council. The executive director and assistant directors, secretary-treasurer, and counsel shall be subject to confirmation annually by the Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Officers shall hold office until the corresponding meeting in the next year, and until their successors shall have been fully chosen and qualified, or until they shall have resigned or shall have been removed, in the manner provided in Article II, Section 8. Any vacancy in any of the above offices shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Council, at any regular or special meeting.

Section 2. President. The president of the corporation shall serve as chairman of the Council. He shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Council, and he shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 3. First Vice-President. At the request of the president, or in his absence or disability, the first vice-president shall perform all the duties of the president; and when so acting shall have the powers of the president; and shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 4. Additional Vice-Presidents. Each additional vice-president, if any, shall perform the duties of the office in order of his rank and shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 5. Executive Director. The executive director shall be charged with the execution of the program and policies of the Council as defined by the Council, and shall be responsible directly to the Council. He shall have general charge and supervision of the employed personnel of the Council, he may sign and execute, in the name of the corporation, all authorized deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments, except in cases in which the signing and execution thereof shall have been expressly delegated to some other officer or agent of the corporation; and he shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Executive Committee or by the Council.

Section 6. Assistant Directors. The assistant directors shall work in cooperation with the executive director in the administration of the program and policies of the Council. In the absence or disability of the executive director, one of the assistant directors will be designated by the executive director, or by the executive

committee, to perform, temporarily, the duties of executive director.

Section 7. Secretary. The secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Council and of the Executive Committee, in books provided for the purpose; he shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws, or as required by law; he shall be custodian of the records and of the corporate seal or seals of the corporation; he shall see that the corporate seal is affixed to all documents, the execution of which, on behalf of the corporation, under its seal, is duly authorized, and when so affixed may attest the same; and, in general, he shall perform all duties incident to the office of a secretary of a corporation, and such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned him by the Council or by the by-laws.

Section 8. Treasurer. The treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for all funds, securities, receipts and disbursements of the corporation, and shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, in the name of the corporation, all monies or other valuable effects in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall, from time to time, be selected by the Council; he shall render to the president and to the Council annually, and at other times whenever requested, an account of the financial condition of the corporation; and, in general, shall perform all duties incident to the office of a treasurer of a corporation, and such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 8A. Secretary-Treasurer. All or some of the duties contained in Sections 7 and 8 may be assigned to one person. This person will be designated Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 9. Controller. The office of controller may be created by the Council, and the duties and authority of such officer shall be fixed by the Council.

Section 10. Counsel. The duties and authority of the counsel shall be fixed by the Council, and he shall be a member of the Council, by virtue of his office.

[Adopted by the Membership Meeting of May 14, 1953, subject to implementation by the Executive Committee; made effective by the Executive Committee on April 6, 1954.]

Note: Includes all revisions through November 14, 1956.

July 1, 1957

Mr. George Ratliff
817 Alvaredo Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Ratliff:

I am enclosing to you the answer that was made to The Honorable W. M. Rainach, who attacked the Southern Regional Council. I understand the attack was published by the Jackson, Mississippi paper in which they named your Mother and other Mississippians as members of the Southern Regional Council.

With best wishes to you, I remember you from years ago when I visited your family at Sherard.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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July 1, 1957

Mr. Loren Nelles
United Steelworkers of America
95 Merritts Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Loren:

Our schedules seem not to put us in Atlanta at the same time. I've been wanting to talk with you about our Union Staff Training Seminar to be held in conjunction with the Fisk Institute on Race Relations, July 7 - 13th.

Several steelworkers staffers are coming from other Districts - about six in all - and Frank Shane had indicated that at least one might come from your District. I know that it has been a busy time - including organizing drives, but I do hope you will be able to send someone to the Seminar.

Information, announcements, and application forms are included.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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Encls.

July 1, 1957

Mrs. Cora R. Ratliff
c/o Y. W. C. A.
189 Liverpool Street
Sydney, Australia

Dear Cora Ratliff:

I am just returning from teaching at the South Carolina School of Mission and I find your letter here. Enclosed you will find some clippings that may give you some sayings about Mississippi. To add to this, I would say, Fred Routh will meet with the executive committee of the Mississippi Council sometime soon.

I know you will appreciate this - our governor, Mr. Griffin has proposed that the state of Georgia employ a detective from Mississippi "to ferret out all organizations and people who do not stand for "the Georgia way of Life." You meeting up with Miss Nagler makes us realize the world is small.

I hope you will be home to be with the Fellowship of the Concerned when we meet October 28 and 29.

I could not find any particular leaflet to which you referred but I did send your son a letter from Marion Wright answering the attack made by The Honorable W. M. Rainach of Baton Rough, Louisiana.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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Encls.

July 1, 1957

Miss Cornelia Russell
Woman's Division of Christian Service
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Russell:

Thank you so much for your letter of June 17. I had already heard that the money had been appropriated and the check was received last week.

The dates for our workshop for the Fellowship of the Concerned - Southern Women About their South - will be here in Atlanta October 28 and 29.

If you can find a way to get your rural workers of the Southeastern Jurisdiction here, I believe it would be helpful to them. They are at work where opposition to integration is most severe. Three years ago, we did have several of them with us.

I hope you may find it possible to be with us also.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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July 1, 1957

Mr. Nat R. Griswold
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 South Izard
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

It is all right to hang on to the movie as long as you think it is helping. We do have another copy now, and it is quite in demand. (corrected or original) However, if you are willing to bear with the faulty copy that you have, keep it until it has made the rounds.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

July 1, 1957

Miss Ester Stamats, Director
Christian Social Relations
United Church Women
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Stamats:

The dates for our workshop will be October 28 and 29, here in Atlanta. I am counting on you to hold the dates for us. I would appreciate it if you would send me the list of your presidents and chairman of the Christian Social Relations in the southeastern states, so that I may give them the advance notice.

With best wishes and deep appreciation for all you are doing, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

July 1, 1957

Mrs. Arthur G. Laufman
203 North Wabash Avenue
Chicago 1, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Laufman:

Thank you so much for sending me the copy of the May and June issues of B'nai B'rith Women's World. I am so glad I was priviledged to be in on your conference and I carried much that came out of it to the various meetings where I have been.

With the best of wishes,

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

July 1, 1957

Miss Thelma Stevens
Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

Dear Thelma:

I regret that I will have to break my engagement to see you Friday. I may have told you that in May, I had the second operation on my foot and it is not doing very well. After this last week teaching in Camden, South Carolina and with three more schools ahead of me I cannot take the trip to Lake Junaluska. However, I will be all right after a while.

The definite dates for the workshop are the 28th and 29th. Please put them on your calender. If you have time please send me the list of the secretaries of the Christian Social Relations of the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

To say that I am disappointed and can't see you explains my need to have a conference with you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

July 1, 1957

Mrs. C. P. Hardin
108 S. Crest Road
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mary Hardin:

Life is so full of so many things that I fail to do a great many things I would ordinarily do. I want to thank you for your call assuring me the appropriation of the woman's department had been made and other thanks to the Home Department for the check for $1,200 was received last week.

Through the years I have appreciated knowing you and working with you.

Please accept my love and thanks.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Tilly

DT:lec

July 1, 1957

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

On rechecking we find that we can get "The Face of the South" to you the latter part of the week beginning Monday, July 8th. Emory Via, who is using this film at Fisk University during the first of that week, will mail it directly to you from Nashville.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

July 1, 1957

Mr. Harold L. Lunger
Department of Christian Ethics
Brite College of the Bible
Texas Christian University
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Lunger:

Since Fred Routh is out of the office for an extended period of time your letter of June 26th has been referred to me.

Under separate cover, we are sending the fifteen (15) copies of "Next Steps". Unfortunately, we do not have additional reprints of the January New South.

I trust that you have arranged with Dr. Lovejoy to send the film "Face of the South" to the Race Relations Institute, Fisk University, immediately after using it.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

July 2, 1957

Dr. Albert W. Dent
President
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Al:

You will have received my letter by now stating that the overwhelming choice of dates for the Executive Committee was July 16th and 17th starting at 2:00 p.m.

Since we have to deal with the knotty question of aid to the various state groups, we will have a night session.

I am sorry the meeting comes at such an inconvenient time for you, but I do hope you will find a way to be with us.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Signed in Mr. Fleming's absence

Copies of the letter below were sent to the persons on the attached list:

July 2, 1957

Mrs. Nanie B. Aycox
Texas Southern University
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Aycox:

On occasion we have need for brief biographical material on our Board members. This need is growing as we attempt to answer routine and inter-organization inquiries, and as we are called on for suggestions for awards, nominations, appointments and the like to various public and private situations. Therefore, we are currently attempting to complete and bring up to date our Board biographical files.

Would you be good enough to fill in the enclosed sheet and return it at your earliest convenience. A detailed biography is not necessary though it would be helpful to have current and past employments, honors, appointments, writings and the like. If it is more convenient, we will be happy to have a previously prepared biography rather than the enclosed form.

Following the July Executive Committee meeting an announcement will be made of the date of the annual meeting. We look forward to seeing you at that time.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

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Encl.

Mrs. L. C. Bates
Mrs. W. F. Bates
Ulysses S. Bond
Mrs. Myra J. Bryant
I. H. Burney
C. S. Cartwright
Mrs. James S. Crate
Jerome Crossman
James M. Dabbs
Herbert M. Davidson
Caxton Doggett
J. Claude Evans
S. Thomas Friedman
Harry L. Golden
John A. Griffin
Joseph Haas
Grace T. Hamilton
Philip Hammer
M. Lafayette Harris
Duncan Hunter
A. L. Kidd
John R. Larkins
Dr. Elsie Lewis
Z. A. Looby
John McCann
E. A. McDowell
Rev. Eugene P. McManus
A. G. Moron
Rev. E. A. Penick
E. C. Peters
Mrs. J. N. Rayzor
Hollis Rinehart
Mrs. E. U. Robinson
Numa J. Rousseve
Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg
Walter Sharp
Charles A. Shaw
J. Edwin Smith
W. E. Solomon
Mrs. E. M. Sparling
Charles F. Steele
James E. Stewart
Mrs. Tommie Stroud
Mrs. J. F. Tillman
John H. Wheeler
Raymond Wheeler
Paul D. Williams
Mrs. Morris Young
Thomas W. Young
Whitney Young

July 2, 1957

Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations, Inc.
Room 1218, Comer Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Harold has asked me to write you regarding the churches statements. We will proceed to mimeograph this with the two additions. It may take some time to finish the job since we are a little pressed at the moment.

Harold also says to tell you that Fred will be available for your Board of Directors meeting on July 15. Our Executive Committee meeting has been scheduled for the 16th and 17th.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

7-2-57

SUMMARY CONCLUSIONS
CONFERENCE OF AGENCIES WORKING IN THE SOUTH
Atlanta, Georgia

May 28-29, 1957

The Conference convened at 1:00 p.m. at Atlanta University. The participants introduced themselves and identified the agencies they represented. Apologies were made for this meeting having been called on such short notice, but it was explained that many agencies could not make a later date and it was felt advisable not to wait until mid-summer for a meeting. The proposed agenda was discussed and adopted, and a summary of the proceedings was agreed to. The invocation was given by Mr. Tarplee.

Informal reports were given on several cities, agreed upon earlier as focal points of interagency field activity. These cities included:

Miami, Florida - The city of Miami Beach has agreed to give $500.00 to the Dade County Council. The Council's Annual Dinner was well attended with good cooperation from the other agencies. The American Jewish Congress anticipates opening an office in Miami this fall.

Attempts are being made to get one minute statements from church leaders for broadcast and/or television purposes. A move is also being made to get the ministers to include in the local church bulletins statements on integration by their national church bodies.

A report was made at a recent SRC staff conference that President Eisenhower has agreed to speak in Miami in July and that he will perhaps deal with the topic of desegregation. There are some indications that a bid will be made for integration in this area this fall.

Nashville, Tennessee - This community is under a court order to integrate; the proposed plan is to integrate the first grade this September. A complete plan for eventual full integration is scheduled to be submitted to the court by December 31st.

The Nashville Conference on Community Relations is still very active. On May 12th, Mr. Carmichael talked to Nashville school officials about desegregation in Louisville. The superintendent of schools is said to have sought the aid of various P.T.A.s for desegregation in September. The Nashville Conference Teachers Workshop for Integration was held in May with school board approval.

Signs requiring segregation have been removed from Nashville's buses; there has been unpublicized test riding by mixed groups (C.O.R.E.) without incident. Some planning has been done by a C.O.R.E. group to test segregation at drive-in theatres.

Knoxville, Tennessee - The Unitarian Service Committee has a full-time person in the Knoxville area. Work is being done through the Knoxville Joint Commission on Education.

Greensboro, N. C. - A seminar for teachers was held on May 11th; Dan Dodson, of NYU, and two teachers from Fayette County, Kentucky, participated in the program. Thirty teachers attended from a wide range of the city schools.

The school board had indicated that it would attempt some desegregation, but that if the situation proved too troublesome, it would stand by the status quo. Some applications from Negroes appealing school assignment are expected here. (Subsequently, six appeals have been made.)

Chapel Hill, N. C. - There are reports that work is being done on a plan for desegregation, but that there probably will be no move in that direction this fall.

North Carolina, General - Two interagency meetings have taken place in North Carolina. Representatives from the YMCA, NAACP, denominational groups, AFSC, and SRC have participated. Several agencies have worked out patterns of cooperation in specific areas; for example, the State Council of Churches has kept the AFSC posted on certain actions of the General Assembly.

In accordance with the agreements of the previous meeting, a trial was made of the interagency technique of having the agencies with an interest in a particular "opportunity situation" meet together in the locality involved. The objective was to assess community support for desegregation, emergency resources, possible opposition, and to provide a framework for future planning by local groups and others. The site chosen for this initial effort was Charlottesville, Virginia. This first attempt to use the interagency technique was reviewed and criticized on various specific points.

The Charlottesville meeting was felt to have been too closely identified with one local agency; sufficient briefing had not been done by the various agency representatives before coming into the locality; some agencies had little or no constituency in the town and little rationale for being there; sufficient follow-up had not taken place. However, it was felt by the whole group that the interagency technique should be refined and tried again. Accordingly, a committee of persons headquartered in Atlanta was appointed

to bring in suggestions as to the future use of the technique. This committee has subsequently met, and a copy of its recommendations will be sent to you shortly. The members of the committee were Fred Routh, Chairman, Arthur Levin, Mrs. Ruby Hurley, Harry L. Alston, Paul Rilling, and Mrs. Grace Hamilton.

Several groups reported on legislative and other attacks on agencies operating in the race relations field, particularly the NAACP. The investigating committee technique is being utilized in several states. Georgia's board of education recently ruled that agencies having regional or national meetings that were interracial could not operate as approved agencies in the schools of the state. The Urban League reported that the attacks against the Community Chest status of its affiliates were continuing. It was re-emphasized that these attacks threaten the basic rights of association and due process and thus should be interpreted as the concern of every responsible group.

The importance of making the case that intemperate local conditions and racial tensions hurt business and new industrial and economic opportunities was discussed. Statements from business leaders, Chambers of Commerce, city officials, and others in this regard would be useful.

Attention was called to other agencies that it is hoped will participate in these meetings. Will Campbell assumed responsibility for being in touch with the United Church Women; SRC will contact the Southern Leaders Conference again; an F.O.R. staff member had indicated that he was sorry not to be able to attend this meeting.

The areas where changes in school desegregation could be expected in coming months were reviewed.

It was agreed that the agencies would work during the summer months on their own plans for September; thought would be given to the areas most likely to need attention; and reviewing literature on previous crisis situations was urged as a means of being better prepared to prevent, or to meet, possible new crises.

Particular attention was given to Nashville; agencies were urged to think in terms of what staff people they could have in that locality sometime in September and of helpful techniques that their own groups could employ. Tentatively, the ADL, AFSC, SRC, National Council of Negro Women, and the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church, USA, have agreed to have representatives in Nashville to observe the situation there and to work with their own constituencies.

It was agreed that a representative of CCD should be in attendance at future meetings. The problem of getting Southern staff members to CCD executive committee meetings was discussed.

The next Conference of Agencies Working in the South was scheduled for September 17-18, in Atlanta; the committee to work on the interagency technique was charged with the responsibility for preparing a tentative agenda.

7/2/57
Encl. - List of Participating Agencies

PARTICIPANTS
CONFERENCE OF AGENCIES WORKING IN THE SOUTH
ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
May 28-29, 1957

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE
B. Tartt Bell
Charles Davis
Miss Irene Osborne

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE
Arthur J. Levin
Irvin Schulman

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION,
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, USA
H. B. Sissel
Mrs. Jean Russell

BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE METHODIST
CHURCH, WOMEN'S DIVISION OF
CHRISTIAN SERVICE
Mrs. Robert Wilcox

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCE-
MENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
Mrs. Ruby Hurley
Robert Sanders

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
Will D. Campbell

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN
Miss Lillian Chernoff

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN
Mrs. L. D. Shivery

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE PROTESTANT
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Cornelius C. Tarplee

NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE
Harry L. Alston

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Harold C. Fleming
Emory Via
John Hope
Fred Routh
Paul Anthony
Elizabeth Brantley
Mildred Flowers

UNITARIAN SERVICE COMMITTEE
Mrs. Dudley Moore
Galen Martin

UNITED AUTO WORKERS, FAIR PRACTICES
AND ANTI-DISCRIMINATION DEPT.
Earl Henderson

YMCA, NATIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL
Paul Rilling

YWCA, NATIONAL BOARD
Mrs. Grace Hamilton
Miss Hattie Droll

July 2, 1957

Mr. Paul H. Sanders, Director
Race Relations Law Reporter
Vanderbilt University
Nashville 5, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Sanders:

Under separate cover we have mailed you a copy of the Southern Regional Council's report on Negro Voter Registration. This report supersedes any earlier releases of county-by-county registration of Negroes in 1956.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:mdn

Copies of the following letter has been mailed to the persons listed below:

Mr. Paul H. Sanders

Mr. James Dombrowski

Mr. Thomas I. Emerson

Honorable Charles C. Diggs, Jr.

Mr. Henry Moon

Mr. William B. Welsh

Mr. Donald S. Strong

Mr. V. O. Key, Jr.

Mr. Samuel Lubell

Mr. Loren P. Beth

July 3, 1957

Mr. Charles J. Mumford, Director
Department of Political Science
Southern Maryland Free State Library
Association
P. O. Box 1493
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Mumford:

Your letter to the Tennessee Council on Human Relations has been referred to us, since the group is not professionally staffed. The Tennessee Council is an autonomous, state-wide membership organization voluntarily affiliated with the Southern Regional Council. Because of these factors the group does not produce literature or brochures of note but makes considerable use of the materials of the Southern Regional Council. I believe you already have copies of these materials on file.

If we can be of further help please call on us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

July 3, 1957

Mr. Cecil E. Goode
Survey Director
Public Personnel Association
1329 Eighteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Goode:

Your letter of June 28th has been referred to me since Dr. Mitchell has retired and now resides in Scotland.

We have read your letter and the accompanying information with interest. I am afraid, however, that the work and activities of the Council are not such as to fit into the scope of your interests.

I regret that we can be of no help, and offer our best wishes for the success of your project.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

July 3, 1957

AFL-CIO
AFL-CIO Building
815 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I would like very much to obtain one (1) copy of the directory entitled Organizations Affiliated with AFL-CIO. I would appreciate your directing this letter to the department which handles the distribution of this directory.

Please forward the latest issue of this directory (dated, I believe, January, 1957) to:

Emory F. Via, Labor Consultant
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Room 432
Atlanta, Georgia.

Thanks for your attention to this order. If there is a cost for printing, please bill me.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

July 3, 1957

Mr. Howard Schuman
Office of Senator Paul Douglas
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Schuman:

Here is another clipping for your file.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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Encl.

July 8, 1957

Miss Lorraine D. Piggott
Lexington Conference
Woman's Society of Christian Service
School of Missions
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Miss Piggott:

Thank you for your letter of July 4, concerning material from Southern Regional Council. I am sorry but we have very little free material for distribution at this time. The only free publication in quantity we have is, "Desegregation in the Baltimore City Schools." I am enclosing a copy under separate cover for your information. Should you desire quantity copies of this, please let me know.

Also I am sending under separate cover a sample packet of our material. This material may be secured at one dollar per packet or individual items may be secured at the price marked on the cover. If you can use any of this material, please let me know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Packet mailed 7/8/57

July 8, 1957

Dr. David C. Wilson, M. D.
University of Virginia Hospital
Department of Neurology and Psychiatry
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Dr. Wilson:

Yes you may mimeograph and distribute copies of Mr. Dabbs' article, "The South's Man Across the Table." We will appreciate credit line as you indicated in your letter.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

July 8, 1957

Mrs. Gladys C. Lawther
Regional Secretary
Student Y. W. C. A.
831 S. W. Sixth Avenue
Portland 4, Oregon

Dear Mrs. Lawther:

Thank you for your letter of July 2, 1957, concerning New South. We appreciate the work you and the planning committee have done in promoting our publications.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

July 8, 1957

Mr. Kenneth W. Robinson
Director, Region 1-D, UAW
International Headquarters
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Ken:

It was a real pleasure to be with the gang at the FDR Conference. I was impressed with the intelligent questions asked after the meeting and with the attentiveness of the group during my speech.

I am enclosing an accounting of my expenses. I hope you feel that my participation was worth the $114.00 involved.

Thanks for the invitation to come again next year.

With warm regards,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:lec

Encl.

July 8, 1957

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Lineville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thank you very kindly for your letter of June 19. I am pleased that you thought the proposed state by-laws were acceptable.

Your recounting of the activities of your geese was interesting. I have just returned from two weeks in Canada and while there I had the pleasure of visiting a farm that had several dozen geese.

Although the tendency to stay together as a flock, family grouping was still quite obvious. So it would appear that geese are not only individuals but social beings as well. With you I agree it would be a better world if men had the instincts of ganders.

Thanks for the invitation to stop by your mountain top retreat. Next time I come to North Carolina I will put "Top Knot" on my agenda.

Best regards,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:lec

July 8, 1957

Mr. O. L. Shelton, Dean
School of Religion
Butler University
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Dean Shelton:

I was happy to participate in the workshop while at Butler University. The group with which I met was alert and interested in what is happening in the South. I met with another group that same evening at Lewis Deer's house. Both groups I found to be stimulating.

We have received a check for $50.00 for the expenses incurred by me in coming to the institution.

Thanks for the kind words in the letter which accompanied the check.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:lec

July 8, 1957

Mr. Samuel Lubin
The American Jewish Committee
41 Exchange Place
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sam:

Thanks for reading the little pamphlet I lent Harold Murray. I was impressed that the Fairfax (Virginia) Citizens Council made the effort to look up each speaker at the Woman's Division annual meeting.

Best personal regards,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:lec

July 8, 1957

Mrs. R. S. Lyells
Executive Director
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
P. O. Box 9096
Jackson 3, Mississippi

Dear Ruby:

C. H. and I will make the July 23rd meeting with bells on. We will get a U-Drive-It at the airport so no need to meet us. Please drop me a note and let me know where the meeting will take place.

Best personal regards,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:lec

July 8, 1957

Mr. John Feild
Fair Employment Practices Commission
900 Cadillac Square Building
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear John:

I believe the man you want to participate on a panel at the Nairo Conference would be Dr. John H. Marion, Executive Director of the Virginia Council on Human Relations. His address is 100 East Franklin Street, Richmond, Virginia.

I was through Detroit but you were not in your office, and I did not leave my name. Sorry to have missed you.

Best personal regards,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:lec

July 8, 1957

Mr. H. Naylor Fitzhugh
Assistant Professor of Marketing
Department of Business Administration
Howard University
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fitzhugh:

Thank you for your letter of June 28, which I have just received on my return from vacationing. I am turning it over to our Research Assistant who will put together such information as we have on our file on Anti-Labor Activities of White Citizens Councils. As you probably know, much of the leadership of the White Citizens Councils has been activities in seeking to pass into legislature the so called "right to work" bill. ?

When the material is gathered together I will forward it to you.

Please give Dr. Walker my personal regards.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:lec

July 8, 1957

Mr. Ed. Kloppe
Texas Commission on Race Relations
504 W. 24th Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

I will be in the office Thursday and Friday of this week, also on Monday and Tuesday July 15 and 16, and all of the following week except for Tuesday the 23rd. Feel free to call me as you see fit.

I strongly urge that you get your request for financial assistance from SRC in before July 15. We must present all requests to our Executive Committee which meets July 16 and 17.

Personal regards,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:lec

July 8, 1957

Mr. Herman Amasa Smith
1912 Walker Avenue
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for your recent note and the clipping from the Greensboro News you were kind enough to send.

The North Carolina Council on Human Relations, with headquarters in Charlotte, is affiliated with the Southern Regional Council. I am enclosing a leaflet describing our setup. I am sure the North Carolina Council would be glad to know of your interest.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosure - 1 South of the Future

July 8, 1957

Miss Narmelle Bloom
1145 - 11th Street
Santa Monica, California

Dear Miss Bloom:

You were very kind to write me so graceful and encouraging a letter. I warmly appreciate it.

You are quite right that there are many Southerners who feel as I do -- not enough, to be sure, but the number is steadily increasing. It really takes very little courage to ally oneself with the future!

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 8, 1957

Mr. Milton C. Rose
Secretary
William C. Whitney Foundation
20 Broad Street
New York 5, New York

Dear Mr. Rose:

Many thanks for your letter of July 4 transmitting the Foundation's check for the remainder of the 1957 grant to the Southern Regional Council. The receipt form, signed by our Secretary-Treasurer, is enclosed.

We shall shortly be submitting a progress report on the work of the Council.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 receipt form

July 8, 1957

Dr. A. C. Miller
Executive Secretary
The Christian Life Commission of the
Southern Baptist Convention
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Miller:

The 500 reprints you were kind enough to send arrived today. We are ever so grateful.

I am sorry we didn't have an opportunity to talk at the Race Relations Institute last Wednesday. Perhaps we will have another chance soon.

Meanwhile, my warmest regards and good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 8, 1957

Miss Marguerite Hawkins
Assistant Treasurer
Home Department
Woman's Division of Christian Service
of the Board of Missions of the
Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Hawkins:

We are deeply grateful to the Department of Work in Home Fields of the Woman's Division of Christian Service for its generous contribution to the work of the Southern Regional Council. Our official receipt is enclosed.

No support that the Southern Regional Council receives is more warmly valued than the continuing support of the Woman's Division. In this time of special need in the South, it is more vital than ever.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosure - 1 official receipt

July 8, 1957

Mr. John J. Scanlon
Deputy Director of Research
The Fund for the Advancement of Education
655 Madison Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear John:

I'm remiss in not having written you sooner about your welcome offer of copies of The Louisville Story.

Would I be out-of-bound if I requested 1,500 copies? Through our channels and those of our affiliates, we can easily get this many into useful hands.

I'm enclosing a list of the organizations participating in our Southern interagency conferences. All of them would be glad to know about the availability of the book.

The best, as always.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosure - 1 list of agencies

July 8, 1957

Miss Ruth M. Davis
Assistant Promotion Director
The Reporter
136 East 57th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Davis:

This is belated thanks for calling our attention to The Reporter's recent issue on voting and civil rights. We read it with interest and appreciation, particularly since we were of some slight assistance to Mr. Gamarekian in researching his article.

As I may have written you previously, the Council's policy prohibits use of our mailing list for any type of promotion. We were able to justify an exception on the earlier occasion because the article was written by a member of our Alabama affiliate and because The Reporter generously provided reprints.

I wish it had been possible for us to cooperate again, but unfortunately there was no similar escape hatch from the requirements of Council policy.

In any case, thanks for thinking of us and congratulations on the fine job that The Reporter consistently does.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 8, 1957

Mr. William K. Williams, Exec. Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N. E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your card. It is indeed pleasing to hear that the Florida Council plans to continue the subscription arrangement for New South.

Thank you also for the kind comments concerning the publication.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

July 8, 1957

Mr. Harold C. Letts
Director of Social Action
The Board of Social Missions of the United
Lutheran Church in America
231 Madison Avenue at 37th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Letts:

Thank you for your letter of the 2nd. Even earlier, I had intended to write, expressing my appreciation for the opportunity of being at the School on Race Relations. It was a real pleasure meeting and working with you and I hope that in the not too distant future you will be able to get to Atlanta, meet our other people, and become more acquainted with SRC.

Several days ago I sent you the minutes of our last interagency meeting and a copy of the Directory of Agencies Working in the South. In our next issue of the directory we would like to list your office, since either through an individual or with conferences you will be giving attention and concern to the region.

You will note from the minutes of the interagency meeting that the next meeting is scheduled for September 17-18. Sounds as if this will conflict with your Ohio trip, though we will

continue to hope you can make it. We hope to have similar representatives from the Southern Baptist, Disciple of Christ, Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian denominations as well as representatives of the Catholic and Jewish faiths.

Again my thanks for your generous and considerate hospitality.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

July 8, 1957

Leadership Conference on Civil Rights
20 West 40th Street
New York, New York

Dear Sirs:

We understand that you have reprints of the remarks of Senator Paul H. Douglas in the Senate on June 10, 1957, taken from the Congressional Record. We are interested in securing several hundred of these for distribution. Could you please quote us quantity prices.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/mf

July 8, 1957

Reverend Edward Graham
Mount Zion Baptist Church
301 N. W. 9th Street
Miami 36, Florida

Dear Ed:

I am glad to see that justice is not blind in the daily papers. You have a large group of friends who have always believed in your integrity.

It is regrettable that you had to face this ordeal. Yet, I am certain that each of us who works in this field is faced with unusual "occupational hazards."

It surely must be gratifying to you to know that your wife, your church and your friends stood by you when the going was rough. This is real testimony to your success.

My very best wishes and prayers for an even more successful future.

Cordially your friend,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:lec

July 9, 1957

Mr. Adolphus E. Baird
Oneida, New York

Dear Mr. Baird:

Thank you for your letter of July 6, and your kind remarks about Southern Regional Council. I am mailing you some informational material concerning the council and the July copy of our publication NEW SOUTH. The FIRING LINE is a publication of the American Legion and I cannot supply you with a copy.

If you would like to keep a little more abreast of happenings in the South, I would suggest you subscribe to our publication which is only two dollars per year. We would be pleased to have you participate in our organization in such a manner.

Also enclosed is a Public Affairs Pamphlet WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL INTEGRATION which will answer some of the questions you asked.

If we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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July 9, 1957

Dr. M. A. Boggs
Second Presbyterian Church
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Dr. Boggs:

We understand that you delivered an excellent sermon on Race Relations on July 7, 1957. We would appreciate a copy of this with an eye toward possible reprinting.

Any consideration you may extend us will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

July 9, 1957

Mr. A. Walton Litz
5101 Edgewood
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Litz:

Thank you for your very kind letter of July 7, 1957, and your remarks concerning Mr. Dabbs' article. We have forwarded your letter to Mr. Dabbs. I am also writing Dr. Boggs to obtain a copy of his sermon.

Again thanks for your interest.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

July 9, 1957

Mr. C. G. Gomillion
Dean of Students
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

Dear Mr. Gomillion:

Dr. Thompson sent the Council many of the reports to be included in the 1957 YEARBOOK OF THE JOURNAL OF NEGRO EDUCATION. In reading yours, I noted the inclusion of the table, Negro Registration in Alabama. We have found some errors in our first report, and I wish to inform you of the corrections. I hope that it will be convenient for you to send these corrections to Dr. Thompson.

Actually, the first column of figures is the 1950 census report of non-whites, rather than Negroes, 21 years and over. We realize that there are few non-whites other than Negroes in Alabama and that the effect on the percentage of Negroes registered would be negligible. Our corrected report differs from the chart in your article in the Counties listed below. Please note that both the population and percentage figures have been changed in Henry County.

County	Non-White Population over 21 1950	Negroes Registered 1956	Percentage of Potential Negroes Registered
Baldwin	4493	625	13.9
Coosa	1828	450	24.6
Cullman	249	81	32.5
Geneva	1686	300	17.8
Henry	4029	600	14.9

Under separate cover we have mailed you the report, Negro Voter Registration in Southern States.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:mdn

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

July 9, 1957

Mr. Paul D. Williams
Continental Hotel
Washington, D. C.

Dear Paul:

This is to follow-up our telephone conversation of yesterday with a few quick paragraphs.

First, as to whether or not a trip South is desirable: Apart from our friend's pledge to do so, I think it would be useful. I don't see how it could make matters "worse instead of better." The people who are making it "worse" are going to keep on, whether this event takes place or not. And much of the problem is the absence of any influential leadership on the constructive side. Southerners are flooded with false and demagogic interpretations of our racial situation. A positive interpretation by someone whose position commands the attention of the press and the public could do a lot of good.

Thus a speech or public statement of some kind is strongly indicated. Another argument for it is that the pro-segregation extremists are going to attribute all manner of unworthy intentions and evil motives to the Southern visit. To say nothing would simply leave the field of public interpretation to these demagogues. A great many Southerners would be receptive to a positive interpretation of why we must revise our racial practices, made by a leading national figure.

Here are a few suggestions for effective notes to be sounded in such a speech or statement:

The basic theme should be that the national interest requires, in all parts of the United States, that we eliminate discrimination and extend full opportunity to all our citizens. This is not a question of "an attack on the South," of North versus South, or of white versus Negro. Nor is it something required by moral and democratic principles only. It is a matter of urgent, practical necessity; it may well be a matter of life or death for our democracy and western civilization. This affects all Americans, white and Negro, North and South alike.

Our position among the nations of the world is at stake. Our concept of democracy and the importance of the individual has given hope and inspiration to submerged peoples and depressed nations throughout the earth. They look to the United States for leadership. The Soviet Communists are working tirelessly to draw these emerging people into their orbit. The military strength of America is important in forestalling the use of naked force, but the decisive contest today is taking place in the field of ideas and beliefs.

The Communists are shrewd enough to see that racial discrimination in this country is a weak spot in our democratic armor. Their propaganda message to the emerging peoples is simple: "America is a white man's country, and its 'democracy' is for white people only. Like the colonialists who long oppressed you, America offers nothing for colored peoples except exploitation and discrimination. Look at the treatment of the American Negro: discrimination, segregation, humiliation." And daily the Communist propaganda mill grinds out exaggerated accounts of our race relations problems.

We know that the Communist picture is basically false, that we have made and are making steady progress toward equal opportunity for all our citizens. No part of the United States has a monopoly on racial prejudice and discrimination -- or on progress toward their elimination. Great strides have been made in the South as well as the North toward the goal of full citizenship for all. Because of history and tradition, the job is biggest in the South, but all Americans have a share in the job and a stake in its successful completion.

We are in danger of taking too much counsel of our fears and not enough counsel of our hopes and our own self-interest. We need a new and brighter image of the job to be done in race relations: Here is our opportunity to demonstrate more convincingly than any nation has ever done the vitality and meaning of the democratic promise. Here is a magnificent chance to show the superiority of a form of government that views the state as an

instrument of the people, designed to make possible the full development and well-being of the individual. For our own good and the good of our nation, we must not fail this challenge.

One of the most vital aspects of this challenge is that of equal economic opportunity. The United States can maintain its position of leadership in the free world only if its economy is strong and dynamic, only if we make full use of our human as well as our natural resources. We cannot afford to waste the talents, the productivity, and the consumer buying power of one-tenth of our population. We must see that the doors of skill and advancement are open to every American and that there shall be no limits but those of individual ability and effort. There is simply no other way to develop our great economic potential. If we allow large segments of our citizenry to be excluded from or limited in their participation in this expanding economic process, we cripple ourselves at a time when our national strength is crucial to the survival of our way of life.

That is why the Committee on Government Contracts was established. That is why the policy of the United States Government is, and must be, full access to the rights of citizenship and participation in the bountiful American economy by all citizens.

We are not faced by a conflict of the rights of one group with those of another, but by a common self-interest in which all of us have an equal stake. Let us mobilize our understanding, our good will, and our infinite capacities for adjustment so that we may have a free and strong America.

Enough. I am looking forward to seeing you next week. Meanwhile, all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

July 9, 1957

Mr. Nat Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

I am pleased to inform you that we are making a special grant of $1500 to the Arkansas Council on Human Relations, as requested in your letter and attached proposal dated July 3, 1957. Our check for that amount is enclosed.

It is our understanding that these special funds will enable the Arkansas Council to give special attention to the possibility of school desegregation in the western counties of the State this September. This will be done through conference and advisory assistance to school superintendents and other community leadership in the counties under consideration. It is also understood that you may request supplementary consultant services or other assistance in this project from the Southern Regional Council.

The usual prohibition against use of Council funds for political activity or other purposes inconsistent with tax-exempt status applies to this special grant.

This special project grant in no way affects the Arkansas Council's status as an applicant for aid from the Council for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1957.

We shall look forward to being kept informed of the progress of your efforts and ways in which the Southern Regional Council can give program assistance to the project.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 check for $1500

cc: Mrs. Ruth H. Alexander

July 9, 1957

Dr. Harold C. Letts
Secretary for Social Action
The Board of Social Missions of the
United Lutheran Church in America
231 Madison Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Dr. Letts:

Enclosed you will find an announcement concerning the September interagency conference. Possibly the Washington location would make it possible for you to attend.

Under any circumstances we would be happy to have your opinion since we hope to have your office represented.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1 memo re meeting of September 17-18
dated July 9, 1957

July 9, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thanks for your favorable comments on our reply to Waring, and for the clipping of the letter as he published it. On the whole, I am pleasantly surprised that he gave it as fair an airing as he did.

We will be delighted to have you give further distribution to the full mimeographed version. I am enclosing some additional copies.

All good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 25 copies of HCF Ltr. to Thomas Waring
dated June 28, 1957

July 9, 1957

Miss Irene Osborne
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Irene:

Thanks for sharing with me your analysis of the Saturday Evening Post articles by John Bartlow Martin.

As you may recall, Martin spent a good deal of time with us and drew heavily on our material. He also sent me his first four articles in manuscript. His purpose was to have us check the factual accuracy of his documentation, rather than critique the basic theme and conclusions of the series. But my reaction was sufficiently like yours to cause me to express, by telephone and by letter, my reasons for feeling his articles conveyed too bleak and pessimistic a picture.

Until the articles actually appeared in print, I continued to hope that Martin would modify some of his hyper-negative emphases. It is my understanding, however, that his manuscript was already in the hands of the editors when he sent it for checking.

Actually, the first four parts of the series are about the "resistance movement" of the black belt. This is about all that Martin researched. He consciously eschewed any analysis of Atlanta and other cities where new trends are evident. (See Doug Cater's good piece in the current Reporter.) The editorial handling, as you suggest, gives much broader implications to the series than are justified by Martin's approach and research.

Following are several of the pertinent paragraphs from my letter to Martin of April 15:

"...I think you overstate the unanimity of white opinion. We have found that there is a good deal of variation -- I don't mean just among the handful of liberals -- in the intensity of segregation attitudes, and in the lengths to which people will willingly go to maintain one hundred per cent segregation. The trouble is that the 'silent South' was never properly defined. It consists of white people who do not believe in desegregation as such, but who believe that the price of all-out defiance is too high. These people are mostly silent simply because the political leadership has attached such a large penalty to this kind of dissent. Even so, you hear from them once in a while -- as in the case of the great Sugar Bowl controversy, the unsuccessful attempts to re-segregate professional baseball in the South, and Gene Cook's abortive attempt to enforce a state-wide segregation loyalty oath on teachers. As the damage gets greater, I would expect more from the unwilling dissenters. While our own affiliated organizations are weak in the deep South, the very fact that they have been able to continue is a measure of some rational sentiment.

"On page 66, you deal with the question of the price, and you ask, 'Can the South afford to pay white labor?' The real question is whether the South can continue to industrialize indefinitely without incorporating Negroes into the labor pool? And the answer is no. At the present rate of industrialization, the South's white manpower reserve will be exhausted before very many years have passed. Meanwhile, Negro workers are leaving the South in large numbers. Sooner or later -- and I think sooner -- the industrialists are going to realize that the choice cannot wait until white manpower is scarce, but that steps must be taken sooner to introduce full job opportunities for Negroes. When that time comes, the South will have to start redefining the total status of the Negro, in terms of public facilities as well as jobs.

"On page 67, last full paragraph, you say that industrialization may make desegregation harder since it puts whites and Negroes in competition for factory jobs. I think this would be true in a period of depression or recession. But so long as full employment holds up, I think the positive effects of industrialization should greatly outweigh the negative.

"Since I talked with you on the phone, I have re-read the fourth section and have thought more about why I felt it was too bleak a picture. I guess it boils down to the fact that

you are describing the 'Black Belt.' So far as that area is concerned -- and I mean the rural, old plantation counties -- your statements are true. But even the deep South contains a lot of territory that isn't Black Belt. And while it is true that the Black Belt, through the warped state political systems, has put a strangle-hold on the whole area, I don't think that the north Alabama, north Georgia, and even up-state South Carolina counties are willing to pay the disastrous price that the Black Belts may be willing to pay.

"It is in this sense that I think the deep South state officials are in an overextended position and have, within their own states, a 'fifth column' of conservative leadership that will betray their great segregation crusade as the chips really get down."

Good wishes from all of us here.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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July 9, 1957

Mr. Simon Burris, Jr.
849½ East 27th Street
Los Angeles 11, California

Dear Mr. Burris:

I am sending you copies of two publications which will give you some of the information you requested. There is no charge for this material, but you may be interested in subscribing to our publication, NEW SOUTH, a sample copy of which is enclosed. Subscription price of this magazine is $2.00 per year and we try to keep our readers abreast of current happenings in the South on Race Relations.

Also enclosed is a mimeograph sheet indicating colleges which have integrated since the publication of INTEGRATION NORTH AND SOUTH, which you already have.

If we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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July 10, 1957

Mr. Howard Schuman
Office of Senator Paul Douglas
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Schuman:

You may recall that, when our voting figures were introduced in the House by Representative Celler, Representative James C. Davis cited an article in the Firing Line to attack the Southern Regional Council's reputability. Since that time, we have prepared the enclosed analysis of the Firing Line charges. I thought you should have a copy, as well as our current list of board members and the brief history of SRC, also enclosed.

With good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Enclosures - 1 Firing Line Analysis
1 List of SRC Board Members
1 History of SRC

July 10, 1957

Miss Nancy Revelle
108 McIver Dorm
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Miss Revelle:

Thank you very much for your very nice letter of July 8, 1957, and your kind remarks concerning the Southern Regional Council. I am sorry you are not able to consider a position with us at this time, but I can well appreciate your qualms about tackling a thesis and a job in Research at the same time.

Again thanks for your interest and best wishes for you in your work at the University.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

July 11, 1957

Dr. Herman Long
Race Relations Department, AMA
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Herman:

It was a pleasure having some small part in the program of the Race Relations Institute. I only wish I could have stayed longer - to listen instead of talk.

My expenses were as follows:

Airplane Fare	$31.02
Limosine and Taxi	4.15
Total:	$35.17

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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July 11, 1957

Mr. Warren R. Cochrane
Executive Secretary
Butler Street YMCA
22 Butler Street, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Cochrane:

I am honored by your invitation to address The Hungry Club during the coming year.

October 9th appears to present no conflict, and I shall plan to be with you on that date.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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July 11, 1957

Mr. Harold E. Bernhardt, Jr.
Room 234, International House
1414 E. 59th Street
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Mr. Bernhardt:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning Koinonia and possible promotion of New South subscriptions.

Enclosed are copies of the Sumter County Grand Jury charges and Koinonia's reply, also a leaflet published by the United Church Women of Georgia.

I regret to say that the economics of New South leave us no margin for commissions. The subscription fee is no more than enough to cover the direct costs of printing and handling. I am sorry that we can't take you up on your offer to find subscribers for us in your area, but we appreciate your interest.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Enclosures - Grand Jury Presentments
Koinonia Farm Answer
United Church Women Leaflet

July 11, 1957

Mr. Joseph P. Lyford
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Joe:

I thought you might like to see how Waring handled my letter. Not too bad, though his editorial prerogative came in handy!

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Secretary

HCF/mf

Enclosure - Clipping, NEWS & COURIER

July 11, 1957

Miss Florence M. Read
Dickinson House
South Hadley, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Read:

It was very pleasant to hear from you and to have your order.

We have made note of your anticipated changes of address, and New South should reach you on schedule.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

THIS SAME LETTER SENT TO THE ATTACHED LIST OF PERSONS

July 12, 1957

Mrs. Max Ascoli
23 Gramercy Park South
New York 3, New York

Dear Mrs. Ascoli:

We thought you would like to see this report on the Council's work during the last six months.

With appreciation and warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Enclosure - Semi-annual Report of SRC

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SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF SRC ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 1 - JUNE 30

1957

SRC In Transition

Dr. George Mitchell's retirement as Executive Director became effective on January 15. Therefore, the last six months for SRC have been a time of stock-taking and readjustment. Following the mandate of the Board's Williamsburg meeting in November, we have sought to redefine and expand the central staff functions. The staff has also continued to work closely with the affiliated state councils, looking toward October when they will become autonomous and must assume the primary responsibility for their financial support.

The main purpose of this report is to summarize the results of SRC's efforts to gain new effectiveness in the program activities of its own staff.

The Southern Scene

Developments during the first half of 1957 brought the issue of desegregation to a head in several new areas, and moved it closer in others.

Federal court rulings in Virginia made it clear that the state's resistance laws are invalid. Arlington, Norfolk, and Newport News joined Charlottesville as cities under court order to desegregate their schools. Legal maneuvers may postpone the final showdown beyond September of this year, but the legal issue is

settled. In one of these important rulings, Judge Hoffman spelled out in terms of schools and pupils the moderate nature of the change required; he also told the defendants that state-created barriers could not relieve them of the responsibility for compliance.

Also under court order, Nashville, Tenn., and Little Rock, Ark., made plans to begin gradual school desegregation in September. Three more of the largest cities in Arkansas have announced that they will do likewise, and there is a possibility that a number of smaller school districts in the western part of the state will move ahead in the wake of the big cities. Pro-segregation groups are vigorously working to stir up opposition in Arkansas and Tennessee; their object is to pressure state officials into intervening and preventing the planned changes from taking place.

Montgomery's widely publicized dispute over local bus transportation was resolved in favor of desegregation in January. In Birmingham, Tallahassee, and Atlanta the issue is temporarily deadlocked while litigation continues. It is noteworthy that Montgomery officialdom's grudging decision to permit compliance by the transit company seemed attributable to quiet pressure by the city's business leaders. The net effect of Montgomery's long drawn out resistance was the emergence of a new regionwide group of Negro ministerial leaders, headed by the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Two of the region's major religious denominations -- the Southern Baptists and the Southern Presbyterians -- reaffirmed their support of integration and condemned violence and economic reprisals. A large group of Richmond ministers joined in denouncing Virginia's die-hard policy of resistance.

Despite these positive actions, the erosion of civil liberties in the South continued. In nearly all of the Southern states, the NAACP was fighting for its life against laws and administrative actions that strike at the heart of freedom of association. Interracial Koinonia Farm at Americus, Ga., suffered a series of terroristic attacks and persecution by grand jury. There were continued

pro-segregation campaigns to oust local Urban Leagues from community chests. Other organizations, including the Southern Regional Council, were subjected to intensified smear campaigns designed to discredit them with the false label "subversive."

On balance, there were significant gains in prospects for desegregation. It now remains to be seen whether the gains can be consolidated and held in the face of mounting resistance activity.

Reaching Public Opinion through the Media

As the segregation controversy goes on, it becomes increasingly clear that the decisive arena will be that of national opinion. The White Citizens Councils have announced that they are shifting their propaganda emphasis to "win sympathy" for the Southern segregationist position at the national level. In the Congressional civil rights debate, Southern leadership has the same aim. Georgia is the latest state to allocate tax funds -- $250,000 -- for a national public relations campaign on behalf of segregation.

Fortunately, the SRC is equipped through reputation and experience to provide positive facts and analysis to the press and other media. Following are the highlights of the last six months:

(1) Bus desegregation: An SRC survey disclosing that twenty-odd Southern cities had successfully desegregated their transit systems received wide notice through the Associated Press, United Press, the Washington Star, and U. S. News and World Report. This information is being used by ministers and local groups in other communities facing this transition, to offset the myth of "inevitable conflict." The Washington Star and the Christian Science Monitor ran major features based on SRC evidence of Southern progress in many fields, neglected because of the newspaper empahsis on tension and conflict.

(2) Economic aspects: Gradually influential Southerners are awakening to the fact that die-hard resistance threatens the economic growth of the region.

This story will become increasingly important as time goes on, and properly interpreted it can contribute heavily to the emergence of a moderate counterforce in the South. SRC, which introduced this point into the public debate two years ago, continues to interpret it to the press. During the last six months, we provided detailed documentation to the Wall Street Journal and Chemical Week, as well as to other agencies.

(3) Religious aspects: SRC information was used in articles on religion and segregation in Presbyterian Life, America, and Time.

(4) Civil liberties: It is important that Southerners as well as other Americans recognize the threat to basic individual rights posed by the extremist measures of pro-segregation forces. SRC gave special assistance for articles on this subject in the New York Herald-Tribune (by Robert S. Bird), Christian Science Monitor (on Koinonia), LOOK (on the KKK), Washington Post (by Alfred Friendly), and Saturday Evening Post (by John Bartlow Martin).

(5) General interpretation: Information and analysis were supplied to Time & Life, Associated Press, United Press, International News Service, Newsweek, The Reporter, New Republic, the New York Times, the Atlanta Constitution, the Winston-Salem Journal & Sentinel, other individual newspapers, and foreign journalists. Also to authors of three forthcoming books and, in the form of chapters written by SRC staff members, to the John Dewey Society Yearbook, the Journal of Negro Education, and Phylon.

(6) SRC served as adviser to the Newsfilm Project of the Fund for the Republic on the preparation of "Segregation and the South," an hour-long documentary film recently shown on the ABC Network.

Findings on Negro Voter Registration

The results of SRC's survey of Negro suffrage have figured importantly in the recent public discussion of this aspect of civil rights. For a major Congressional speech, Senator Paul Douglas obtained SRC's complete county-by-county figures from the Library of Congress and inserted them in the Congressional Record.

A number of newspapers carried editorials or news stories commenting on these findings and their implications. As Senator Douglas stated: "The figures compiled by the Southern Regional Council are the best figures available, and while they may be criticized in some minor respects, there are no other more exact figures which are extant."

Publications

Since readers of this report receive New South monthly, no comment on it is necessary, except that orders for the last six issues have exhausted our supplies within a few weeks after publication date. In addition, the information staff has produced these Special Reports: "The South and the Supreme Court Decisions" (a chronology), "A Summary of Segregation Legislation," "Negro Voter Registration," a revised list of desegregated colleges and universities in the South, and a directory of agencies carrying on human relations activities in the South.

Information Requests

Several hundred requests for information were received and serviced. Inquirers included writers, students, teachers, ministers, voluntary organizations, and government agencies. Among the better known inquirers were the Library of Congress, the U. S. Department of Labor, Professor V. O. Key, and Samuel Lubell. In addition to this regular function, the research office kept SRC staff members and consultants armed with information needed for field work, speeches, workshops, and other activities.

Three films, including that of George Mitchell's famed map speech, were circulated, as well as quantity mailings of various printed materials.

Foreign Visitors

Thirty-odd visitors from other nations were referred to SRC by sponsoring Government agencies or private groups during the period. They included editors, government officials, educators, labor leaders, and businessmen from 13 different

nations. Time-consuming though this function is, we feel it is essential that these influential persons from other lands get a balanced and informed view of the South to counter the distortions originated both here and abroad.

Consultant Services

The first half of 1957 was a busy period for SRC's program of consultant services to community leadership, public and private.

(1) At the request of a local North Carolina school board, SRC made available the consultant help of a Kentucky school superintendent experienced in the desegregation process and a social scientist who had served as adviser in the Kentucky experience. We hope to enlarge this successful precedent by making more specialists available to official bodies that are considering desegregation.

(2) SRC supplied consultant teams for workshops of community leaders in Jacksonville, Fla., and Memphis, Tenn. In both cases, the participants included persons of status and influence in their respective cities. SRC consultants guided planning of programs to achieve progressive desegregation of such public facilities as schools, parks, and libraries.

(3) Consultants to several assemblies of religious leadership were supplied during the six months. Among these were: a special interracial ministers' conference in Orlando, Fla., an institute staged at Charleston by the Atlantic Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., a statewide assembly of ministers in Montgomery, Ala., and the Southwide Conference on Christian Faith and Human Relations, held at Nashville, Tennessee.

(4) SRC's panel of consultants was brought together for a two-day conference in Atlanta during June. Ways of broadening and strengthening our use of the consultant method were discussed, and detailed plans for the coming months were developed.

Interagency Cooperation

SRC served as convener in January, and again in June, for representatives of more than 30 agencies carrying on staffed human relations activity in the South.

At the January meeting, a technique for joint field activity in key communities was agreed upon. In accord with this plan, SRC later coordinated a meeting of field representatives in Charlottesville, Va., at which concerted efforts to activate positive leadership in that community were carried out. In June, this experience was reviewed and it was agreed that the technique, as refined, should be applied in another community at an early date. The group also identified communities that are likely to desegregate their schools in September. There was detailed discussion of action that the various agencies could take during the summer to increase the prospects for success in these areas.

In addition to its function as coordinator of Southwide interagency conferences, SRC has been working directly with denominational groups and other organizations of like purpose. Advisory assistance to Koinonia Farm has already been mentioned. SRC staff members also gave assistance to the following organizations, either as speakers, advisers on program, or resource persons: Lutheran School on Race Relations, Civil Liberties Clearinghouse, American Labor Education Service, YWCA, National Citizens Committee for the Public Schools, Phelps-Stokes Fund, Rutgers Academic Weekend, Atlanta Chapter of AAUW, Georgia League of Women Voters, Alabama Student Ecumenical Conference, Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress, Atlanta Post of the Jewish War Veterans, Congregational Study Group, and others.

Women's Work

The Director of Women's Work, Mrs. M. E. Tilly, has carried on extensive field work following up the Southwide meeting of women leaders held in Atlanta last fall. State level workshops, translating the convictions and plans of the regional meeting to the community, have been held in several deep South states. Mrs. Tilly has also taught courses in Christian human relations at a wide variety of religious conferences. She served as secretary at a two-day conference of clergy and lay leadership in Atlanta, called by two Methodist Bishops to consider the role of the Church in Southern race relations.

Work with Labor

SRC's staff was increased on January 1 by the full-time services of a Labor Consultant. The first six months of this program have yielded promising results. The Labor Consultant has:

(1) Worked with state affiliates of SRC on achieving closer liaison with organized labor and union leadership in their states.

(2) Assisted other SRC staff members in press relations and interagency cooperation involving matters of unions and race.

(3) Cooperated in the analysis of findings of a Jewish Labor Committee survey of race relations in Southern unions, primarily for the benefit of national union leadership.

(4) Arranged an unprecedented conference on human relations attended by 22 representatives of labor from 11 internationals and two AFL-CIO Departments. Further such conferences are planned.

(5) Consulted on program with representatives of 21 internationals, 5 departments or committees and two regional officers of AFL-CIO, and two state labor bodies.

SRC: Smears -- and Cheers

We like to think it is a measure of effectiveness that SRC has drawn heavy fire from the segregationists in recent months. The pattern of attack suggests concerted planning:

(1) State Sen. William M. Rainach of Louisiana, a White Citizens Council leader, staged a legislative investigation of "subversive" activities in the South. The star performer was discredited professional witness, Manning Johnson, whose charges against Ralph Bunche were proved false and whose testimony was thrown out by the Subversive Activities Control Board. Johnson came up with garbled and unfounded charges against the NAACP, the Rev. M. L. King, Jr., and the Southern Regional Council. His fantastic allegation that SRC was founded by a Communist named James E. Jackson is easily refuted by the well documented history of SRC's birth,

including the evidence of the surviving incorporators -- Methodist Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Editor Ralph McGill, and Atlanta University President Rufus E. Clement. But, of course, Sen. Rainach's committee showed no interest in the record or in rebuttal of its obliging witness.

(2) Johnson's false testimony was given prominent and slanted treatment by two pro-segregation newspapers -- one in Mississippi and one in South Carolina. Object: to intimidate members of SRC affiliates in those states. In Mississippi, the result was a nocturnal shot fired into the home of the Mississippi Council's Chairman.

(3) The Firing Line, publication of the American Legion's irresponsible Americanism Commission, picked up the Louisiana charges and supplemented them with spurious "evidence" of a link between SRC and the defunct Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

(4) When SRC's findings on Negro voter registration were quoted on the floor of Congress, Georgia Rep. James C. Davis cited the Firing Line charges in an effort to discredit SRC and its findings.

(5) The Charleston News and Courier editorially criticized an Associated Press feature on SRC's executive director, complaining that the Firing Line allegations should have been included in the article.

SRC has provided prompt and full refutation of these manufactured charges. The board members who are supposed to "taint" SRC (because of alleged past affiliation with the Southern Conference) are Southerners of unimpeachable reputation. They include the presidents of two state-supported colleges, an Episcopal Bishop, the retired president of a Methodist college, and others of like status. Using the same standard of "guilt by association" applied by SRC's attackers, former Governor James F. Byrnes of South Carolina could be falsely "proved" a subversive influence. He was an honored guest at a Southern Conference dinner in 1945, at which the late Alben W. Barkley was toastmaster!

Such unscrupulous attacks can continue to be expected from those who seek to discredit all constructive forces in the South. SRC will continue to expose the falsity of such charges -- and meanwhile regard them as an unpleasant but hopefully deserved badge of honor.

Something in Between...

From "Why Pick on Dixie?" in The American Mercury: "...the Southern Regional Council...is staffed by Southerners who have unreservedly accepted Northern opinion patterns. The Council, in a dignified way, is the clearinghouse of most of the indoctrination of the South which is now in furious progress by Northern agencies."

... And the Cheers

Editorial in the Atlanta Constitution: "The Southern Regional Council is composed of clergymen of all faiths, business men, labor leaders and representatives of the professions in 12 Southern states.... the Council (has) earned a reputation for sound, constructive research and publication of factual material."

Editorial in the Washington Evening Star: "The report of the Southern Regional Council that 21 cities...have done away with bus segregation without court action is more important, actually, than the accounts of friction in other communities. For this is the way in which effective desegregation will come to the South."

From the Catholic Interracial Review: "One rarely reads of the efforts of Southern churchwomen to keep the integration issue on a rational plane of discussion .... Like their guiding spirit, Mrs. Dorothy Tilly, of Atlanta, (SRC's Director of Women's Work), the ladies shun publicity...."

R. Orin Cornett, Executive Secretary, Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention: "I have read with interest and appreciation every word of your March, 1957 issue (of New South). Allow me to commend you upon the high quality and timeliness of each of the feature articles."

Alfred W. Friendly, managing editor, Washington Post and Times-Herald: "I can't begin to thank you for all the kindnesses and help you gave me ten days ago. Thanks to you, a bunch of then inchoate impressions I had fell into place and continued to stay that way for the rest of the trip.... There and elsewhere through the South your name was an open sesame."

A Philip Randolph, president, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters: "May I say that your organization is doing a splendid job."

The Library of Congress: "We have received the material which you so generously sent us and we are finding it most useful. It was precisely what was needed."

Editorial in the Chattanooga Times: "(SRC is) the most effective organization working for solution of social and economic problems for Southern people and for adjustment of interracial difficulties."

July 12, 1957

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Dave:

Enclosed are several copies of our report on the activities of the Southern Regional Council for the period January 1 - June 30, 1957.

It was a busy period and we think put us well on the way toward the new orientation discussed in the proposal recently approved by the Fund.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosures - 3 copies of Semi-annual Report of SRC

Clipping from:
Enclosure: ~~Ltr. re~~ NEWS & COURIER — dt. 7/3/57

July 15, 1957

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mays:

Here is how Mr. Waring handled my letter. It was severely cut, but it is something that he used it at all.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 15, 1957

Mr. Cornelius C. Tarplee
Associate Secretary
Division of Christian Citizenship
The National Council
Protestant Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Neil:

Thanks for your informative letter. It has added greatly to my understanding of the current developments in Virginia.

I hope for the success of your efforts to achieve official status for the work you have been doing. Fred and I will be pleased to see the draft of your prospectus and will treat it as entirely confidential.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL

July 15, 1957

Dr. Helen E. Amerman
Assistant Director
Council for Civic Unity
San Francisco, California

Dear Helen:

Your letter of inquiry about Mr. James T. McCain's application for an internship with the Council for Civic Unity came while I was out of the office on annual vacation. Hence the delay in an answer.

We, in this office, think highly of Jim McCain. He is a man of considerable professional skill in the field of intergroup relations and has had long experience. He has served with distinction as Associate Director of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations for the past two years.

Harold Fleming, C. H. Parrish, and I have talked this over and we are in agreement that Mr. McCain would be a credit to any human relations agency as a full-time field worker with professional status. We believe that he is far too professionally competent to serve as an intern.

Warm personal regards to you and Ed.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf

Original clipping to John Constable - 7/15/57

July 15, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I failed to return a copy of the clipping from the News and Courier. Here are two thermofax copies. If you should find yourself in need of more, let me know.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosures - 2 thermofax copies of News & Courier article.
Dated: July 3, 1957

Clipping passed on to John Constable - 7/15/57

July 15, 1957

Mr. Reed Sarratt
The Journal and Sentinel
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Reed:

I appreciated your sending me a copy of Chester Davis' article on "The Negro Vote." Congratulations on a very able job. It couldn't have been more timely!

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 15, 1957

Reverend David N. Beach
Center Church House
311 Temple Street
New Haven 11, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Beach:

We were glad to have your recent letter requesting that you be placed on the mailing list of the Southern Regional Council.

We are adding your name to the complimentary mailing list of our monthly publication New South, and I am sending you separately a few of our current materials. If you should have need of specific information concerning race relations in the South, don't hesitate to write me.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

July 15, 1957

Mr. Cabell Phillips
Washington Bureau
New York Times
1701 "K" Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Phillips:

Enclosed are copies of our rough field reports on the two Georgia communities I mentioned in our telephone conversation. You will see that they are both candid and unpolished, which is why I would like you to clear with us any use of the material for purposes other than your own information.

If neither of these suits your purposes, feel free to call on us for further suggestions and background. Since I wanted to get this off to you at once, I haven't taken the time that would be necessary to wade through our other state reports.

With good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosures - 1 copy each of field reports on two Georgia communities prepared by B. R. Brazeal - dated August 31, 1956.

July 15, 1957

Miss Mary Alice Thomas
Recruiting Director
National Board of Y. W. C. A.
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Thomas:

Your memorandum of July 8, 1957, was received today. Mrs. Tilly is out of the city at present, but I will call the memorandum to her attention as soon as she returns.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to Mrs. Tilly

July 15, 1957

Dr. Warren Breed, Associate Professor
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Newcomb College
Tulane University
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Breed:

Thank you for your letter of July 10, 1957, and the copy of your manuscript. We like the idea especially the list of facts which you suggest would be included in newspaper coverage. We find newspapers in the South run hot and cold on the subject and few are consistently impartial. I do think your inclusion of the Columbus Ledger is good. Two others which would fit in the category as you list are the Birmingham News and the Nashville Tennessean.

Again thanks for letting us see your manuscript.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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VIA AIR MAIL

July 15, 1957

Mr. Frank Loescher
414 South 46th Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

I don't think I've yet acknowledged your helpful note about your conversation with Yorke Allen and Harry Meserve. Although Allen's views certainly don't sound encouraging, it is good to get this line on him.

The Arkansas Council, working through Winthrop, has a request before the Brothers -- with our blessings. If they get it, we will probably hold off, at least for some time. But I will keep a weather eye out for Meserve.

Incidentally, Arkansas seems to have a real opportunity. With the three largest districts and one other beginning school desegregation in September, the small West Arkansas districts may be encouraged to move. Nat Griswold is working hard at this. Ashmore worked out a deal with Hutchins, whereby we are making a special grant for this project to Arkansas with the prospect of reimbursement by the Fund at its September board meeting. So the door isn't hermetically sealed!

Sorry there was no opportunity for a rendezvous in New York or Washington this month. I've been pretty fully involved on the home front, what with state aid to be negotiated, the heavy press demand for our voting data, and other matters.

Hope the exchange project is progressing well and that we can get together again before too long.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 15, 1957

Mr. Vernon Eagle
Executive Director
The New World Foundation
120 South LaSalle Street, Room 1865
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

We gratefully acknowledge the second and final installment of The New World Foundation's 1957 grant to the Southern Regional Council. Our official receipt is enclosed.

I have recently sent a copy of our overall report on the Council's activities during the first six months of 1957. We will be sending further progress reports on the Consultant Service Program and the Apprentice Training Project from time to time. Meanwhile, any time such an interim report is desired by the Foundation, please let me know.

We are making special efforts to recruit a well qualified candidate for the Field Services apprenticeship and hope that we will soon be able to report a sound beginning on this project.

With appreciation and good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 15, 1957

Mr. A. R. Suritz
Barry's Inc.
101 East Main Street
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Bob:

Thanks for sending me the evidence of my notoriety from the Observer. Thought you would want to see the exchange with Waring which it provoked.

It's comforting to know that you and Father Maurice are still mixing things up, and I could ask nothing better than to make a third. I remember that evening in New York with undiminished pleasure.

Until we can repeat, my warmest regards to you both.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosure - Editorial from News & Courier and HCF Ltr.

July 15, 1957

Mr. Nathan W. Levin
100 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Levin:

It was thoughtful of you to have your secretary write me, in your absence, about our failure to make connections when I was last in New York.

I am sorry not to have had the opportunity of meeting you; but Mr. Marks gave me a very pleasant and helpful interview. I am most grateful to you and to him.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Materials sent under separate cover:

"Integregation North and South"
Chronology
"Pro-Segregation Groups"
"South of Promise"
May and June issues of New South

July 15, 1957

Miss Roberta Church
Minority Groups Consultant
U. S. Department of Labor
Bureau of Employment Security
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Miss Church:

We shall be glad to have your office receive our publications and reports. Your name has been added to our complimentary mailing list, and I am sending you separately some of our current materials.

Any time you have need of information of a specific nature that we may supply, feel free to call on us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 17, 1957

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Dr. L. D. Reddick
The Alabama State College
Montgomery 1, Alabama

Dear Dr. Reddick:

Just before she left the office to return to North Carolina Miss Irving asked me to answer your letter of July 8, 1957. Yes we have statements made by church groups both southern and otherwise since the Supreme Court decision. This is in the process of being mimeographed and I will see that you get a copy as soon as it is completed.

Integration North and South to which you refer is forty cents per copy.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

July 18, 1957

Mrs. Margaret Wilcox, Secretary
Christian Social Relations
2205 Old Knoxville Highway
Maryville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Wilcox:

Your letter of July 17, has been received while Mrs. Tilly is out of the city. The dates of the meeting this fall are October 28 and 29. When Mrs. Tilly returns to the office, she will write you relative to other information requested in your letter.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to Mrs. Tilly

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July 18, 1957

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

I was disturbed by the matter you raised in our telephone conversation today. It is our firm policy not to recruit personnel away from Atlanta University. This is clearly understood by Mrs. Alexander and Mr. Anthony, the staff members most immediately concerned with personnel.

Nothing is more important to us than preserving the friendly, and to us most helpful, relationship between SRC and the University. It is apparent to me that present arrangements are not sufficient to prevent possible misunderstandings over personnel recruitment. Therefore, I propose the following: Whenever we receive an application from a person employed by Atlanta University, although the applicant has not been solicited or encouraged by us, I will call you and be guided by our discussion at that time.

I am enclosing a memorandum from Mr. Anthony relating the circumstances of Miss Leverett's application to us. In any case, under normal circumstances, we would not consider employing an applicant if she had not given the required notice to her present employer. We will advise Miss Leverett that employment by us is contingent on this requirement being met.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1

July 18, 1957

Dr. Herman Long
Department of Race Relations
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Long:

This letter is of dual purpose - first, and to me most important, I would like to thank you and the other members of the staff of the Department of Race Relations for making attendance at the Fisk Race Relations Institute possible for me and for the many others who benefited as greatly as I did by such an experience. I wanted a chance to express my gratitude personally, but unfortunately my travel arrangements made it necessary for me to leave shortly before the final session of the Institute concluded. I hope to attend the Institute again next year, accompanied, perhaps, by several other Atlantans who are very interested and enthusiastic about your program. Thank you once again.

Secondly, Emory Via (on vacation this week) has asked me to determine if mimeographed copies of your summary of the Institute presentations are available. If they are, and if it is possible for you to handle such a large request, we would appreciate your forwarding forty copies of this summary to Emory in care of this office.

I'm looking forward to next summer's two weeks (next time) at Fisk.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

18 July '57

Mr. H. Naylor Fitzhugh
Department of Marketing
Howard University
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Fitzhugh:

I had hoped that our Labor Consultant would be back in the office by this time and could send you some of the more recent material he used at the Fisk Institute. Unfortunately, he is still away.

I am enclosing copies of the material in our files in the hope that it will help you in preparing your paper. Also, there are two articles that I suggest you get in the Howard Library:

"Southern Unions and the Integration Issue" by Trewhitt in The Reporter, Oct. 4, 1956

"Unions and Segregation" by Youngdahl in The New Republic July 9, 1956.

You will also discover that the state senators who, in many cases, head the state WCC movements were the same men who led the fight for the so-called right-to-work bills in the state legislatures. Two good examples of this are William Rainach of Louisiana and Sam Engelhardt of Alabama.

I hope this helps you in your work.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh

FBR/s

18 July '57

Mr. Harry S. Jones, Exec.Dir.
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street
Charlotte, N.C.

Dear Harry:

Your two letters came in this morning's mail and I hasten to answer.

In the first you ask where you can rent a copy of Edward R. Murrow's "Clinton and the Law." Usually these commercial films are not available for public use; however, I suggest you write Mr. Murrow directly, explaining what use you intend to make of the film. Or, you might write Arthur Morse, his assistant. Either one can be reached at the Columbia Broadcasting System, 485 Madison Ave., New York.

In the second letter you ask about SRC paying the expenses of Carmichael to speak at the Unitarian Forum in Charlotte. The Consultant Program is not a speakers' bureau, therefore SRC could not pay his expenses for the purposes you suggest. It might be possible, however, to obtain his services for consultation with school authorities in Charlotte. As you know, John Hope II is in charge of the Consultant Service Program.

You and people living in Charlotte would be in a better position than we to judge whetehr this is a propitious time for using Carmichael.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/s

VIA AIR MAIL

July 19, 1957

Mr. Newton Aiken, Editor
The Evening Sun
Baltimore 3, Maryland

Dear Mr. Aiken:

Your letter inquiring about Negro registration figures is most timely.

I am enclosing figures gathered by the Southern Regional Council in a survey extending through the summer and fall of 1956. Also enclosed is a narrative report on the status of Negro suffrage in the South. This latter report is just completed and is being sent to the press and interested individuals only today.

I hope that these materials will be helpful to you.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosures -

7/19/57

Ruth:

All things being equal - I plan to take my vacation beginning Monday September 16 through Sunday September 29.

Paul A.

Happy to have you go on vacation as soon as all things are equal!

July 19, 1957

Mr. Duncan Hunter
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

Dear Duncan:

I am pleased to inform you that our Executive Committee, at its meeting just concluded, approved a grant-in-aid to the Alabama Council on Human Relations, for the fiscal year 1957-58, in the amount of $4,000. Final approval of this sum is contingent on a mutually satisfactory agreement as to the matters discussed below.

The Executive Committee regretted that it was unable to grant an amount as large as that requested. As you know, the total available was $40,000, and eleven state organizations had to be considered.

This means that the grant-in-aid to Alabama was above the average, and we are glad that it is only $50.00 short of the amount requested.

Once the terms of the grant are satisfactorily worked out, the following conditions, as set by the Executive Committee, will apply:

(1) The grant will be distributed on a quarterly basis effective October 1, 1957.

(2) Succeeding quarterly distributions will be contingent on adequacy of performance, in terms of the agreement under which the grant is made. To this end, you will be requested

to submit brief quarterly progress reports on program activities and fund-raising.

(3) The grant-in-aid is not earmarked for any specific expense, but may be applied against the total budgetary needs of the organization.

(4) Since the grant is not earmarked, and since our affiliate relationship expires on October 1st, your organization will handle its own payroll, including the withholding of income taxes and social security.

(5) As has been true during the subsidy period, these funds are granted on the condition that your organization not engage in political activity or other activity inconsistent with tax-exempt status.

We shall look forward to receiving word that the terms of this grant are satisfactory to the Alabama Council and to a mutually sustaining relationship in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. Robert E. Hughes

July 19, 1957

Dr. Raymond Wheeler
Doctors Building
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Wheeler:

I am pleased to inform you that our Executive Committee, at its meeting just concluded, approved a grant-in-aid to the North Carolina Council on Human Relations, for the fiscal year 1957-58, in the amount of $4,000. Final approval of this sum is contingent on a mutually satisfactory agreement as to the matters discussed below.

The Executive Committee regretted that it was unable to grant an amount as large as that requested. As you know, the total available was $40,000, and eleven state organizations had to be considered.

This means that the average figure is only about $3,600. Thus the sum tentatively allocated to North Carolina, while substantially less than that requested, is above the average amount.

Obviously, in view of the curtailed amount granted, it will be necessary for your program and budget to be reconsidered. Will you advise us at your earliest opportunity what modifications the North Carolina Council feels it must make in the proposal as submitted?

Once the terms of the grant are satisfactorily worked out, the following conditions, as set by the Executive Committee, will apply:

(1) The grant will be distributed on a quarterly basis effective October 1, 1957.

(2) Succeeding quarterly distributions will be contingent on adequacy of performance, in terms of the agreement under which the grant is made. To this end, you will be requested to submit brief quarterly progress reports on program activities and fund-raising.

(3) The grant-in-aid is not earmarked for any specific expense, but may be applied against the total budgetary needs of the organization.

(4) Since the grant is not earmarked, and since our affiliate relationship expires on October 1st, your organization will handle its own payroll, including the withholding of income taxes and social security after that date.

(5) As has been true during the subsidy period, these funds are granted on the condition that your organization not engage in political activity or other activity inconsistent with tax-exempt status.

We shall look forward to receiving your revised proposal and to a mutually sustaining relationship in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. Harry S. Jones

July 19, 1957

Mr. E. C. Peters
2901 Rockingham Drive, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Peters:

I am pleased to inform you that our Executive Committee, at its meeting just concluded, approved a grant-in-aid to the Georgia Council on Human Relations, for the fiscal year 1957-58, in the amount of $4,000. Final approval of this sum is contingent on a mutually satisfactory agreement as to the matters discussed below.

The Executive Committee regretted that it was unable to grant an amount as large as that requested. As you know, the total available was $40,000, and eleven state organizations had to be considered.

This means that the average figure is only about $3,600. Thus the sum tentatively allocated to Georgia, while substantially less than that requested, is above the average amount. We also note that the amount allocated falls short of your second alternative proposal by only $500.00.

Obviously, in view of the curtailed amount granted, it will be necessary for your program and budget to be reconsidered. Will you advise us at your earliest opportunity what modifications the Georgia Council feels it must make in the proposal as submitted?

Once the terms of the grant are satisfactorily worked out, the following conditions, as set by the Executive Committee, will apply:

(1) The grant will be distributed on a quarterly basis effective October 1, 1957.

(2) Succeeding quarterly distributions will be contingent on adequacy of performance, in terms of the agreement under which the grant is made. To this end, you will be requested to submit brief quarterly progress reports on program activities and fund-raising.

(3) The grant-in-aid is not earmarked for any specific expense, but may be applied against the total budgetary needs of the organization.

(4) Since the grant is not earmarked, and since our affiliate relationship expires on October 1st, your organization will handle its own payroll, including the withholding of income taxes and social security after that date.

(5) As has been true during the subsidy period, these funds are granted on the condition that your organization not engage in political activity or other activity inconsistent with tax-exempt status.

We shall look forward to receiving your revised proposal and to a mutually sustaining relationship in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

CC: Mr. Guy H. Wells

July 19, 1957

Mr. Caxton Doggett
376 N. E. 90th Street
Miami, Florida

Dear Caxton:

I am pleased to inform you that our Executive Committee, at its meeting just concluded, approved a grant-in-aid to the Florida Council on Human Relations, for the fiscal year 1957-58, in the amount of $4,000. Final approval of this sum is contingent on a mutually satisfactory agreement as to the matters discussed below.

The Executive Committee regretted that it was unable to grant an amount as large as that requested. As you know, the total available was $40,000, and eleven state organizations had to be considered.

This means that the average figure is only about $3,600. Thus the sum tentatively allocated to Florida, while substantially less than that requested, is above the average amount.

Obviously, in view of the curtailed amount granted, it will be necessary for your program and budget to be reconsidered. Will you advise us at your earliest opportunity what modifications the Florida Council feels it must make in the proposal as submitted?

Once the terms of the grant are satisfactorily worked out, the following conditions, as set by the Executive Committee, will apply:

(1) The grant will be distributed on a quarterly basis effective October 1, 1957.

(2) Succeeding quarterly distributions will be contingent on adequacy of performance, in terms of the agreement under which the grant is made. To this end, you will be requested to submit brief quarterly progress reports on program activities and fund-raising.

(3) The grant-in-aid is not earmarked for any specific expense, but may be applied against the total budgetary needs of the organization.

(4) Since the grant is not earmarked, and since our affiliate relationship expires on October 1st, your organization will handle its own payroll, including the withholding of income taxes and social security after that date.

(5) As has been true during the subsidy period, these funds are granted on the condition that your organization not engage in political activity or other activity inconsistent with tax-exempt status.

We shall look forward to receiving your revised proposal and to a mutually sustaining relationship in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

cc: Mr. William K. Williams

July 19, 1957

Mr. Colbert Cartwright
Pulaski Heights Christian Church
Hillcrest and Spruce
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Cartwright:

I am pleased to inform you that our Executive Committee, at its meeting just concluded, approved a grant-in-aid to the Arkansas Council on Human Relations, for the fiscal year 1957-58, in the amount of $4,500. Final approval of this sum is contingent on a mutually satisfactory agreement as to the matters discussed below.

The Executive Committee regretted that it was unable to grant an amount as large as that requested. As you know, the total available was $40,000, and eleven state organizations had to be considered.

This means that the average figure is about $3,600. The amount tentatively allocated to Arkansas is well above this average and was, in fact, one of the two largest sums approved. This favorable action was taken in recognition of the Arkansas Council's expressed purposes to continue with a bi-racial professional staff. Of course, it also reflects awareness of the decisive period which Arkansas is now approaching and the high regard in which you hold the lay leadership and staff of the Arkansas Council.

Obviously, in view of the curtailed amount granted, it will be necessary for your program and budget to be reconsidered. Will you advise us at your earliest opportunity what modifications the Arkansas Council feels it must make in the proposal as submitted?

Once the terms of the grant are satisfactorily worked out, the following conditions, as set by the Executive Committee, will apply:

(1) The grant will be distributed on a quarterly basis effective October 1, 1957.

(2) Succeeding quarterly distributions will be contingent on adequacy of performance, in terms of the agreement under which the grant is made. To this end, you will be requested to submit brief quarterly progress reports on program activities and fund-raising.

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(5) As has been true during the subsidy period, these funds are granted on the condition that your organization not engage in political activity or other activity inconsistent with tax-exempt status.

We shall look forward to receiving your revised proposal and to a mutually sustaining relationship in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. Nat Griswold

July 19, 1957

Mr. Charles A. Goodrum
Librarian
Legislative Reference Service
The Library of Congress
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Goodrum:

Since you have previously indicated an interest in findings of our survey of Negro suffrage in the South, I thought you might like to have several copies of the enclosed special report. As you will see, it supplements the material on this subject which we supplied earlier at your request.

Ultimately all of these findings will be incorporated in a single printed publication, which I will furnish you for your permanent files.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosures - Three (3) copies of "The Negro Voter in the South"

July 22, 1957

Mr. Arnold Aronson, Secretary
Consultative Conference on Desegregation
9 East 38th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Arnie:

This is in response to the CCD memo of July 9th signed by the co-chairman. Enclosed is our check for $25.00, payable to Lew Hoskins, toward the expenses of CCD. Since the South traditionally has a low per capita, I hope this will be regarded as a proportionate indication of our interest and support.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosure - 1 check for $25.00
Number 1176

July 22, 1957

Mrs. Glenna F. Nail
802 Elma Street
Ontario, California

Dear Mrs. Nail:

Thank you for your recent letter and the clipping from the Los Angeles Times which you were kind enough to send.

I'm afraid the pressures of the job would prevent any thought of collaboration, but I should be happy to read your manuscript. In all fairness, I should warn you that it might take a while for me to read and return it. I would not want to tie up your only copy or delay your finding a publisher. Otherwise, I'd be glad to give you my reactions for what they are worth.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 22, 1957

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
The New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street, Rm. 1865
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

I was embarrassed to find you are not receiving New South - one of those inexplicable slips in our machinery. We have remedied the matter, and you will receive New South regularly from now on.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 22, 1957

Miss Patricia Carbine
Department Editor
Look Magazine
488 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Carbine:

Thanks for your letter and the welcome news that the Council is still slated for "LOOK APPLAUDS."

I'm enclosing negatives and contact prints of some shots Jay Leviton took of our Executive Committee (and staff) meeting, just concluded. You will note on the "B" sheet, faces of two of the participants are circled. For reasons I learned of too late, it would be unhelpful for them to figure identifiably in a published picture. I hope you will find one of the shots in which they do not appear - or in which their features wouldn't be distinguishable - suitable for the "Applauds" column. I've checked a few that present no difficulty.

I'll look forward to word from you at your convenience. Meanwhile, best regards to you and to Bill Attwood.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

July 22, 1957

Mr. Ben Segal
Trade Union Consultant
Fund for the Republic
1820 Jefferson Place, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ben:

We are enclosing one copy of our county by county listing of Negro Voter Registration in Southern States. We realize that your request was for more than just one; however, we have run very short on this report and hope that this one copy will serve your purposes. The county by county figures will be published within the next few ~~two~~ weeks, and at that time we will be happy to forward any number you desire for your distribution.

Also enclosed are three copies of a special report, The Negro Voter in the South, compiled last week and using, in summary form, much of the material included in the listing of registration data. A copy of Negro Voter Registration in Southern States is being forwarded to Mr. Kyle today.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

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July 22, 1957

Reverend John F. Cronin, S.S.
National Catholic Welfare Conference
1312 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Father Cronin:

It was good to meet you Sunday and talk-over the important matters which confront our nation. You more than lived up to my expectations; expectations based upon Paul Williams' description of your grasp of the subject and its relationship to other aspects of the national life.

Separately, I have sent you the material we discussed in your office. There is more there than we would expect you to pass on to your friend but we thought it advisable to give you a wide range from which to choose.

I will write you in more detail of some of the other things we discussed, after I have had a chance to explore the questions with our top staff people.

Thanks for the ride to the airport; best personal regards.

Respectfully,

Frederick B. Routh
Associate Director

FBR/mf

July 22, 1957

Dr. A. C. Miller
Southern Baptist Convention
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Miller:

I am pleased to inform you that our Executive Committee, at its meeting just concluded, approved a grant-in-aid to the Tennessee Council on Human Relations, for the fiscal year 1957-58, in the amount of $3,000. Final approval of this sum is contingent on a mutually satisfactory agreement as to the matters discussed below.

The Executive Committee regretted that it was unable to grant an amount as large as that requested. As you know, the total available was $40,000, and eleven state organizations had to be considered.

This means that the average figure is only about $3,600. The fact that the proposed Tennessee allocation falls slightly below the average does not in any way reflect lack of regard of the crucial job needed in Tennessee or the fine quality of lay leadership in the Tennessee Council. Rather, it was determined by the fact that the Tennessee Council does not yet have an on-going, professionally staffed program or any specific prospect for the position of Director. These facts had to be weighed in comparison with other state groups which already have professional staff which they are undertaking to keep at work. In two cases, state groups are undertaking to continue with bi-racial professional staff, and those seemed to justify relatively larger grants-in-aid.

Obviously, in view of the curtailed amount granted, it will be necessary for your program and budget to be reconsidered. Will you advise us at your earliest opportunity what modifications the Tennessee Council feels it must make in the proposal as submitted?

Once the terms of the grant are satisfactorily worked out, the following conditions, as set by the Executive Committee, will apply:

(1) The grant will be distributed on a quarterly basis effective October 1, 1957.

(2) Succeeding quarterly distributions will be contingent on adequacy of performance, in terms of the agreement under which the grant is made. To this end, you will be requested to submit brief quarterly progress reports on program activities and fund-raising.

(3) The grant-in-aid is not earmarked for any specific expense, but may be applied against the total budgetary needs of the organization.

(4) Since the grant is not earmarked, and since our affiliate relationship expires on October 1st, your organization will handle its own payroll, including the withholding of income taxes and social security after that date.

(5) As has been true during the subsidy period, these funds are granted on the condition that your organization not engage in political activity or other activity inconsistent with tax-exempt status.

We shall look forward to receiving your revised program and to a mutually sustaining relationship in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Tennessee Council

July 22, 1957

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena's Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

I am pleased to inform you that our Executive Committee, at its meeting just concluded, approved a grant-in-aid to the South Carolina Council on Human Relations, for the fiscal year 1957-58, in the amount of $5,000. Final approval of this sum is contingent on a mutually satisfactory agreement as to the matters discussed below.

The Executive Committee regretted that it was unable to grant an amount as large as that requested. As you know, the total available was $40,000, and eleven state organizations had to be considered.

This means that the average figure is only about $3,600. The amount tentatively allocated to South Carolina is well above this average and, in fact, was the largest amount allocated to any state group. This favorable action was based on the assumption that the South Carolina Council intends to continue with some form of bi-racial staff activity, as well as recognition of past achievement and soundness of proposed program.

Obviously, in view of the curtailed amount granted, it will be necessary for our program and budget to be reconsidered. Will you advise us at your earliest opportunity what modifications the South Carolina Council feels it must make in the proposal as submitted?

Once the terms of the grant are satisfactorily worked out, the following conditions, as set by the Executive Committee, will apply:

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We shall look forward to receiving your revised proposal and to a mutually sustaining relationship in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mrs. Aline N. Spearman

July 22, 1957

Rev. W. Carroll Brooke
Trinity Episcopal Church
Box 207
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brooke:

I am pleased to inform you that our Executive Committee, at its meeting just concluded, approved a grant-in-aid to the Virginia Council on Human Relations, for the fiscal year 1957-58, in the amount of $4,000. Final approval of this sum is contingent on a mutually satisfactory agreement as to the matters discussed below.

The Executive Committee regretted that it was unable to grant an amount as large as that requested. As you know, the total available was $40,000, and eleven state organizations had to be considered.

This means that the average figure is only about $3,600. Thus the sum tentatively allocated to Virginia, while substantially less than that requested, is above the average amount.

Obviously, in view of the curtailed amount granted, it will be necessary for your program and budget to be reconsidered. Will you advise us at your earliest opportunity what modifications the Virginia Council feels it must make in the proposal as submitted?

Once the terms of the grant are satisfactorily worked out, the following conditions, as set by the Executive Committee, will apply:

(1) The grant will be distributed on a quarterly basis effective October 1, 1957.

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We shall look forward to receiving your revised proposal and to a mutually sustaining relationship in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

cc: Mr. John R. Marion

July 22, 1957

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Mr. Joseph B. Robison
Senior Staff Counsel
American Jewis Congress
Stephen Wise Congress House
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Mr. Robison:

Please send us fifteen copies of the American Jewish Congress' pamphlet ASSAULT UPON FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION. Bill us for cost.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

July 22, 1957

Motion Picture Laboratories
1672 Union Avenue
Memphis 4, Tennessee

Dear Sir:

Please send us an additional copy of the film "The Face of the South" as soon as possible. Bill the Southern Regional Council and address the bill to Mrs. Ruth Alexander, Secretary-Treasurer.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

July 22, 1957

Mr. John Bruton, Attorney
Harris-Upham Company
1209 Barringer Building
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Bruton:

Our conversation Friday was all too short, and I regret that it could not have been longer. You may be interested in the report which gives the latest and authoritative figures on the voting of Negroes in the South.

Sincerely,

C. H. Parrish

CHP:lec

July 22, 1957

Mr. Latta Johnston
Harris-Upham Company
1212 Barringer Building
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Johnston:

The enclosure, "The Negro Voter in the South," may be of interest to you. I enjoyed, very much, our conversation the other day and hope that another opportunity will present itself soon when we can pick up where we left off.

Cordially,

C. H. Parrish

CHP:lec
Encl.

July 22, 1957

Mr. Gren Seibels
WIS-TV
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Seibels:

I am sending herewith a special report "The Negro Voter in the South." I hope you will find it serviceable. I enjoyed talking with you very much and hope we may get together again sometime soon.

Cordially,

C. H. Parrish

CHP:lec
Encl.

July 22, 1957

Mr. Ken Kurtz
Radio Station WIS
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Kurtz:

I am sending you herewith the report of "The Negro Voter in the South." I am sure it will have some interest for you. I have also taken the liberty of putting your name on the mailing list for other such reports which may be useful to you.

It was a pleasure talking with you and I will be interested to know what reaction, if any, there was to the tape we did.

Galen Martin's address in Knoxville is 109 Tulane Drive.

Cordially,

C. H. Parrish

CHP:lec
Encl.

July 22, 1957

Mr. Robert Horwitz
Assistant Professor of Political Science
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Horwitz:

Your letter to Dr. George S. Mitchell of July 16, has been referred to me. Enclosed is a copy of the information ~~you would like~~ included in CIVIL EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES: A DIRECTORY OF ORGANIZATIONS. corrected on original copy

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC. (1944); Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta 3, Georgia; Marion A. Wright, president; Harold C. Fleming, executive director.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: 80 directors including Negro and white educators, religious leaders, businessmen, and civic leaders. No general membership.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT: Contributions from foundations, church bodies, labor and business organizations, and individuals; proceeds from sale of publications.

PERSONNEL: 13 at headquarters.

PROGRAM: Works to promote, through research and action programs, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South. Education and action programs are undertaken by individuals and in local groups. The council distributes material to local groups, consults with public and private officials, and serves as a meeting ground for the discussion of interracial problems; works through mass media to counteract appeals to prejudice and violence; provides a program adapted to the particular needs of the South; translates research findings into practical situations and actions; emphasizes the development of young Southern leadership of all races; cooperates with other organizations, including religious groups and state councils on human relations.

PUBLICATIONS: Monthly magazine, NEW SOUTH; pamphlets.

July 22, 1957

Miss Florence B. Irving
615 South East Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Florence:

Your proof came today from The Journal of Negro Education. I am sending this along post-haste also enclosed is the mimeograph copy of the voting publication we got out. Actually it was gotten out on Friday when I was out of the office. Marge evidently did a bang up job even with all the pressure.

We miss you here at the Council but I know you are glad to get away from the hurly-burly.

Will write a long letter later.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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July 22, 1957

Mr. C. W. Hall
1401 Wooldridge Drive
Austin 3, Texas

Dear Mr. Hall:

Yes you may secure copies of "Three Views of the Segregation Decisions" and the November issue of "New South." "Three Views of the Segregation Decisions" sell for ten cents per copy and "New South" for twenty cents per copy. We have other pamphlets which might interest you but it is difficult to suggest material without knowing just what aspect of the desegregation question you plan to emphasize. Two other pamphlets I would suggest are "Next Steps in the South--Answers to Current Questions" and "What the Supreme Court Said" a pamphlet written by Professor Robert Leflar. Our publication "New South" deals with a variety of subjects concerning desegregation. One which may interest you is the May 1957 issue with the article by Dr. Charles Fairman "The Attack on the Segregation Cases." The additional pamphlets mentioned sell for twenty cents each except for "What the ~~South~~ Court Said" which sells for ten cents a copy. Consult me on price copy

If we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

July 22, 1957

The Reverend Dan C. Whitsett
First Methodist Church
Sylacauga, Alabama

Dear Reverend Whitsett:

Your letter of July 18, addressed to Fred Routh, has been referred to me. We are forwarding under separate cover some materials which may be of use to you in the preparation of your series of articles in Roundtable. They include:

What's Happening in School Integration?
The Negro and the Schools
Next Steps in the South

You will find What's Happening in School Integration? particularly helpful, I believe, in that it summarizes both compliance with and resistance to the Supreme Court decision by the Southern States. If more particularized information is needed, you might like to obtain a copy of Status of School Segregation-Desegregation in the Southern and Border States, a statistical summary, state-by-state, of segregation-desegregation activity affecting Southern schools from 1954 to the present. (Data on enrollment, teacher pay, etc., is also included.) This publication may be ordered from Southern Education Reporting Service, P.O. Box 6156, Acklen Station, Nashville, Tennessee. There is a charge of $1.00; perhaps the charge is higher to non-subscribers to Southern School News, their regular publication.

Our information on the disparity in per capita school expenditures for Negro and white students in the Southern states is somewhat limited. The Negro and the Schools contains a table (pg. 153) giving this information for the years 1940 and 1952. Enclosed is another table, taken from Statistics of State School Systems: Organization, Staff, Pupils, and Finances, 1953-54. (A publication of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Office of Education.) The latter table will give you the type of

information you are seeking; however, we do not have a copy of this publication dated later than 1954. I am told by one source that financial records which make a division according to race are no longer published; however, if time is available, it might be wise to write to the Office of Education of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare requesting more recent information of this nature which may be available.

If we can be of any further service to you, please call on us.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

Enclosure - Copy of Table 48, Statistics of State School Systems

cc: Frederick D. Routh

July 23, 1957

Dr. Luther W. Kelly, Jr.
The Nalle Clinic
412 North Church Street
Charlotte 2, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Kelly:

This is to acknowledge your recent letter asking the Council's help in securing a speaker for the Unitarian Forum to be held in September.

We will be delighted to give any assistance we can, though we are limited by the fact that our budget makes no provision for supplying speakers. It occurs to me, however, that the President of SRC, Mr. Marion A. Wright, lives nearby -- at Linville Falls -- and might be a suitable choice. As perhaps you know, Mr. Wright is a man of parts and a very effective speaker. We would be glad to meet whatever modest expenses a trip by him to Charlotte would involve.

It may be that you have in mind someone with specialized experience in school desegregation, in which case the problem would be more difficult.

Enclosed is a brief biographical sketch of Mr. Wright. If you are interested in securing another type of speaker, let me know and perhaps we can advise further.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - Marion A. Wright Biographical Sketch

July 23, 1957

Mr. Maxwell M. Rabb
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Max:

In view of the current lively interest in the right to vote, I thought you would like to see a copy of this latest report by the Southern Regional Council on "The Negro Voter in the South." It was released to the press just the other day.

Although I know you won't have time to read all of this material, I am also enclosing a copy of our semi-annual report on program activities. If you have time to scan it, I believe you will find it of interest.

I hope we will have another opportunity soon to discuss the many matters in which we are mutually interested. Meanwhile, my best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming

HCF/mf
Enclosures - "The Negro Voter"
Semi-Annual Report of SRC

July 23, 1957

Mr. Wilton S. Dillon
Executive Secretary
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Wilton:

Thanks for your welcome letter. I shall be looking forward to seeing the summary of the Capahosic consultations and to correspondence about ways in which we can cooperate to mutual advantage.

Meanwhile, at the risk of burdening you with material, here is our just-produced report on Negro suffrage in the South. Since this is currently the liveliest topic in race relations, I thought you would be interested in the report.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - "The Negro Voter"

July 23, 1957

Dr. and Mrs. George S. Mitchell
Glencoe, Argyll
SCOTLAND

Dear Alice and George:

I am a poor correspondent these days, but the thoughts of all of us here frequently turn to Scotland and the Mitchells. I trust by now the house is taking tangible shape and that you have made a clean sweep of the bureaucratic and physical obstacles that lay in your path when last we heard.

We recently had a midsummer executive meeting, and this seemed a good time to update you on the trials and triumphs of the indomitable SRC. Enclosed is more than you will want to read, in the form of a semi-annual report. As to finances, we have had moderate success. The Fund for the Republic came through fairly handsomely with $200,000 for the 39 months following October 1 -- about one-third of our projected budgets for that period. For this calendar year, we have in hand or definitely in prospect all but $16,000 of what we need to make it through December. In short, we must still push away at Sisyphus' stone, but we have enough footing under us to keep pushing.

The main business of the executive committee was the cutting up of a $40,000 pie among the state groups for fiscal 1957-58. An unenviable job, since all of them need and want more than any slicing of the pie can provide. We can only hope that most of them will work out ways to survive and seize the opportunities as they arise.

Otherwise, the usual busyness prevails. Voting is the big focus just now, and the findings of our voting survey are paying out handsomely. The position of Labor Consultant is by now firmly established in the SRC structure, and Emory is hewing out a valuable area of operation. C. H. is putting in the summer with us, helping to unscramble state problems and working with Fred and John Hope on consultant workshops. Liz Brantley has been lost (at least for the year) to Colorado, and Florence has had to return to ancestral North Carolina to help in the family business. But we've been lucky in the matter of replacements, and all the duties are getting well carried out.

You might like to know that the Fund for the Republic is undergoing major internal changes, now that their new orientation is in effect. Frank Loescher has been severed, and is exploring a South African - U. S. exchange plan, to be sponsored by a number of organizations. Depending on how his affairs work out, he might even put in some professional licks for us! Dave Freeman will also be leaving within the next few months -- to do what, not yet determined. Josephine hasn't yet got her campaign for us under way in New York, but will launch it anew in the fall.

This is small-talk enough for the time being. Let us hear from you as the construction permits. Meanwhile, warm greetings from us all.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - Semi-Annual Report of SRC

July 23, 1957

Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald
511 Meetinghouse Road
Jenkentown, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Rosenwald:

This is to ask your consideration of a contribution to the work of The Southern Regional Council.

As you may know, the Council is an interracial organization working in twelve Southern states for improved race relations and the elimination of discrimination and segregation. It was founded in 1944 by such distinguished Southerners as Dr. Howard Odum, Dr. Will Alexander, Dr. Charles Johnson, and others of like stature, as the successor to the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation. During its early years, the Council's main support came from the Julius Rosenwald Fund; indeed, it may be said that the establishment of the Council was due to the generosity of the Fund.

We believe that the role of the Southern Regional Council since -- particularly at the crucial period in the South today -- testifies to the wisdom of that initial investment. The aftermath of the Supreme Court's school segregation decision has posed enormous problems of interracial adjustment and public policy, vital to the nation as well as the South. The Southern Regional Council and its state affiliates represent, uniquely, a body of responsible white and Negro Southerners working for orderly compliance with the decision. As an established organization, with reputation and experience, the Council has an unmatched opportunity to make a decisive contribution at this critical time in Southern development. Rather than extend this letter unduly, I am enclosing materials which describe the history, make-up, and current activities of the Council.

Needless to say, the situation demands greatly expanded efforts of us. And these demands come at a time when fear and tensions make it harder than ever to raise funds in the South for work of this kind. We must look for support to those persons, irrespective of region, who recognize the importance of organized effort by Southerners to achieve interracial progress.

The greater part of our budget for 1957 has been raised, but the Council must have approximately $16,000 from new sources in order to complete the year. This is written in the hope that you will consider a contribution of $2,500 toward this need.

Mrs. Ascoli, Mrs. David Levy, and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Stern are acquainted with the Council's work and have contributed generously to it. Thus they would be in position to give an informed opinion as to the worthiness of this request.

In addition to the materials mentioned above, I am enclosing our official U. S. Treasury letter of tax-exemption. If further information would assist your consideration, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - Ltr. of Tax-Exemption
List of Board Members
1957 Budget
"South of Promise"
"Brief History of SRC"

July 23, 1957

Mr. John J. Scanlon
The Fund for the Advancement of Education
655 Madison Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear John:

The books have just arrived, and I hasten to send thanks for this generous response to our uninhibited request.

We will take careful note of the other organizations which are receiving copies and will take special pains to avoid duplication.

The best, as always,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 23, 1957

Mr. A. J. Myers
U. S. News and World Report
24th and "N" Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Myers:

Pursuant to your request by telephone with Mr. Paul Anthony, we are sending you, under separate cover, some material concerning migration of Negroes. Actually we have very little of this kind of material on hand. I have been told of a person here in Atlanta who is doing an extensive study concerning this, but he is out of the city and will not return until August 1st. I shall contact him then and let you know what is available from this source.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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July 23, 1957

Mr. William Rosenwald
122 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Rosenwald:

Some time ago, Mrs. Max Ascoli was kind enough to offer to speak to you about the work of the Southern Regional Council and to ask you to grant me an interview. Unfortunately, my brief visits to New York since then have found you unavilable; therefore, I am taking the liberty of writing you instead.

As you may know, the Southern Regional Council is an interracial organization working in twelve Southern states for improved race relations and the elimination of discrimination and segregation. It was founded in 1944 by such distinguished Southerners as Dr. Howard Odum, Dr. Will Alexander, Dr. Charles Johnson, and others of like stature, as the successor to the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation. During its early years, the Council's main support came from the Julius Rosenwald Fund; indeed, it may be said that the establishment of the Council was due to the generosity of the Fund.

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Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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July 23, 1957

Dr. Robert Hutchins
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
Sixty East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Hutchins:

This is a sequel to Harry Ashmore's conversation with you a few weeks ago and his letter of July 1. As you will recall, Harry was impressed by the chance of a major breakthrough for school desegregation in the State, given a period of intensive staff work by the Arkansas Council on Human Relations this summer.

We heartily concurred with Harry's analysis. And, of course, we were encouraged by the assurance that you would recommend reimbursement by the Fund of a special SRC grant for this purpose, not to exceed $2,500.

Subsequently, we have received and approved a request from the Arkansas Council for a special allocation of $1,500. It was agreed that further special aid, if any, would depend on the situation as it develops.

Enclosed is a copy of the proposal from the Arkansas Council on the basis of which the special funds were allocated. I will be sending you a report on the progress of the project in about a month.

It is awkward to be writing about a supplemental grant so soon after the Fund's generous action of May 16. But, as you

know, the Fund's grant of $200,000 has been tightly budgeted over a 39-month period beginning October 1.

We would, in any case, do all we could through the Arkansas Council and otherwise to exert a positive influence at this decisive time in Arkansas. The prospect of reimbursement, however, enabled us to act much more promptly and I believe more effectively than we could have otherwise.

With appreciation and best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - Arkansas Request

cc: Mr. Harry Ashmore

C O P Y

ARKANSAS COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
211 South Izard
Little Rock, Arkansas

July 3, 1957

OPERATION BREAK-THE-BACK

A Proposal to the Southern Regional Council.

In Simplest Terms:

"What we need in the South is to have a dozen Clinton's desegregating at the same time." This is the appraisal of a courageous and long-suffering Presbyterian minister late of Mississippi. In simplest terms the project proposed here is to implement just such a situation - "a dozen Clinton's at the same time." We propose to stimulate and aid some ten school administrations to act in concert to desegregate their schools this year. All these districts (and others which may join them) have very small enrollments of Negro children and, therefore, have a strong administrative and economic urge to desegregate. The impact of such action added to the force of the announced moves of four large urban districts of Arkansas in September may be adequate to "break the back" of blind defiance in Arkansas and start the roll-back of the same forces of defiance in the other States of the old Confederacy.

A Summary of the Proposal

The forces of defiance to the Supreme Court's desegregation decisions are the same in Arkansas as in the other Southern States. In

that sense this State rightly belongs to the "confused and angry South." She has the same evidences of the work of these forces. All her federal legislators signed "the Southern Manifesto." She has a resolution, an amendment, and statutes to maintain segregation, stated in terms of interposition, pupil assignment, State Sovereignty Commission, registration of organizations.

On the other hand, historically, certain progressive forces and a climate of opinion have evolved in this State which distinguish it as "the Upper South" sharing much of the outlook and temper of the "border states." "The plantation" area of Arkansas has never dominated its economics, education, social customs, mass media, or politics.

These progressive influences are reflected in some concrete results -- voluntary desegregation of city buses, of state-supported university and colleges, of five public school districts, of a number of public libraries and ministers' associations. All these developed without community discord, except at Hoxie.

September, 1957, will be a critical date in this contest of strength between the defying and affirming forces in Arkansas. Four large urban school districts take steps in school desegregation on that date. Each district has considerable strength in carrying through its proposals. This is multiplied by the fact that all four are moving at once.

The defiant forces are reorganizing and already are issueing threats. A Little Rock leader of Capitol Citizen's Council speaking on June 21st in Oklahoma threatened there would be "hell on the border" in Little Rock in September. That group officially has asked the

governor to order the Little Rock district to continue segregation in the name of law and order. On the basis of the Hoxie experience, the Arkansas resistance forces may be supplemented by these from nearby States.

The project here proposed would add strength to the constructive forces and multiply the confusion of the resistant groups. Here is the real hope that those forces blighting the promise of the "New South" may meet a signal reversal on the favorable ground of Arkansas. If this does occur it will be a victory for the whole South, possibly a break-through and the crumbling of resistance.

This project added to the accumulating responsibilities of present activities of ACHR necessitates supplemental funds. An initial estimate of the discernable cost for this project totals $1500.00. We ask the Southern Regional Council for a special grant of this amount for the project.

Further Exposition

The map of Arkansas showing by counties the non-white population reveals a great section West and North with a small colored population. Twenty-five of the seventy-five counties have a 1% non-white population, or less; thirty-three have less than 5%. Many school districts have very small enrollments of children from Negro families. Provision for even poor separate educational opportunities for these children is administratively inconvenient and financially wasteful. The annual expense of education for each colored child in some districts is three to five times as much as for each white child.

To our knowledge some of these districts are restive in this situation. At least one school board, faced with this dilemma, before

the Hoxie fiasco voted to integrate fourteen colored children with 1800 white children and thereby save $5000.00 for the district. The decision was never implemented because of Hoxie. Another small district has been encouraging a petition for integration from Negro patrons because this would net $1500.00.

If in the wake of the action of the four large urban districts in September, without sounding of trumpets, six to twelve districts such as these move in concert, the results would be unpredictably significant. Each of them would serve its own best interest and at the same time avoid concentrated publicity and possible public approbrium. It would confuse and scatter organized resistance and further strengthen the four larger districts already committed.

The Role of ACHR

The role of ACHR in keeping with its charter would be to stimulate, correlate, education. Stimulate the school administrators to act in concert and the community groups to support this action. Correlate any interdistrict meetings needed. With help from SRC, answer requests for consultants to reassure school officials and to bring know-how. Help develop informed community backing for such moves.

ACHR's activities at every stage would be in close cooperation with SRC. At this moment SRC's consultant services appear most useful. Frequent conferences by telephone now seem to be inevitable.

Expenses of this Project

The cost of such a project is unpredictable. The expenses will be closely meshed with regular expenditures. The operating program of

ACHR will require the services of other consultants to replace those of the Director while he is engaged on the project. Certainly the Director will need help from members and friends for the work in the several school districts - ministers, school administrators, professors and lawyers. Temporarily secretarial work of our office is carried on by the associate director. We must have a full-time and efficient secretary. Because of the time element extra expense will be inevitable, travel by air, use of phone, hotel accommodations. The nature of the work requires that almost everything be done in person.

Here then is the breakdown of our initial estimate of the budget beginning July 1st. Because of the fluid nature of this enterprise we cannot be rigidly bound by the details of this breakdown:

Salary for Secretary	$418.00
Arkansas consultants on per diem	250.00
Travel for consultants	238.00
Extra telephone and telegraph	92.00
Additional staff travel	312.00
Extra office supplies	40.00
Contingencies	150.00
Total	$1,500.00

July 23, 1957

Miss Thelma Stevens
Executive Secretary
Woman's Division of Christian Service
of the Board of Missions of The
Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Thelma:

Thanks for your recent letter giving us the names of Southern representatives of the Woman's Division to receive notice of meetings. We were very glad to have Mrs. Wilcox with us last time, and we have placed her name and the two others on our inter-agency list.

It appears from the returns that we will hold the September meeting in Washington in conjunction with the Consultative Conference on Desegregation. As soon as the arrangements are definite, you and the Southern representatives will be notified.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 24, 1957

Mr. Lucius H. Pitts
Executive Secretary
Georgia Teachers and Education
Association
201 Ashby Street, N. W.
Atlanta 14, Georgia

Dear Lucius:

Both Paul Anthony and I have received your invitation to talk through some of the problems confronting the state with other interested people.

We would be interested in participating in such discussions along with the staff of our state affiliate - The Georgia Council on Human Relations.

Warm personal regards,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Associate Director

FBR/mf

July 24, 1957

Mrs. Charles G. Doaks
120 Woodburn Road
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Doaks:

In regard to your inquiry of the 16th, regrettably, the needs of the Louisiana flood sufferers are outside our scope of operation.

The Red Cross has, of course, been active in the stricken area. Also, quite possibly, The American Friends Service Committee, Southeastern Office, can assist you in this matter. They may be contacted at:

1818 South Main Street
High Point, North Carolina
c/o Mr. B. Tartt Bell

We regret that we can be of no help to you in this good and charitable effort.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
(Signed in Mr. Anthony's Absence)

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HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

24 July 57

To: All Participating Agencies.

From: Fred Routh, SRC

The opponents of peaceful compliance with the Supreme Court decision are aware of the strategic importance of Nashville, Tennessee. The Chattanooga Daily Times, for July 24th, reports:

> "Asked if he (John Kasper) would return to Clinton when the integrated high school reopens there next fall, Kasper said no, that he planned to be in Nashville, where integration in the first grade of the city schools is to be initiated under a court order."

On a TV interview, broadcast the evening of July 23rd, Kasper said he hoped to be out on bond if his appeal failed, and that he would seek to organize rabble-rousers and agitators from outside of, as well as in Nashville to prevent compliance.

Though Mr. Kasper has been found guilty of conspiracy and may be a "guest" of a federal institution in September, there are others who will seek to interfere. Each participating agency should alert its Nashville constituency to initiate steps this summer to prevent the segregationists from being effective.

July 24, 1957

Dr. Felix A. Spittler, M. D.
755-57 Rose Building
Cleveland 15, Ohio

Dear Dr. Spittler:

Thank you for your letter concerning Southern Regional Council. Enclosed is an informational folder concerning our work and a sample copy of our monthly publication NEW SOUTH. Subscription fee for the magazine is $2.00 per year. From time to time we publish other pamphlets and occasionally some of our staff works with other publications. Enclosed is a copy of a Public Affairs Pamphlet written by two members of our staff.

Again thanks, and if we can be of additional help please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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July 25, 1957

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

This is to acknowledge your letter of July 12 transmitting the Texas Commission's request for financial aid and to give you some word on our Executive Committee's action.

With eleven state groups to be considered, the Executive Committee felt it was impossible to make sufficiently considered decisions in each case in the limited time available. Therefore, it appointed a subcommittee of three members to work out final decisions, with the assistance of the staff.

In connection with these deliberations, you will be hearing from us again shortly. Fred Routh and C. H. Parrish will be making some visits to state groups to discuss the proposals for the next year. It may well be that you will hear from them soon about such a trip to Texas.

Meanwhile, our warmest regards and good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

July 25, 1957

Mr. Frank McCulloch
Office of Senator Paul Douglas
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCulloch:

Here are the two copies of our narrative report on Negro suffrage in the South. I trust you were able to secure it from The Library of Congress.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - "The Negro Voter"

July 26, 1957

Mr. James T. McCain
317 West Bartlette Street
Sumter, South Carolina

Dear Jim:

Fred and I have discussed your recent letter. Of course we are sorry to think that you are going to have to look elsewhere for a position, but the decision on how much staffing is possible rests entirely with the South Carolina Council. As you know, our executive committee approved the largest amount of all for South Carolina in the hope that ways could be found to continue bi-racial staffing.

Certainly Fred and I will assist in every way we can in your efforts to stay in the intergroup relations field. We have already had several requests from agencies to which you have applied, and we have recommended you highly. Our feeling, however, is that you should be employed in full professional status rather than an intern, and we have so stated in our letters of recommendation.

If any suitable opportunities come to our attention we will let you know. Meanwhile, feel free to write us if something comes up in which we can help.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

26 July '57

Mr. John Ward
Dept. of Govt.
Indiana Univ.
Bloomington, Ind.

Dear John:

It was good to get your letter with the clipping from the "Indiana Daily Student." Thank you for the kind words about my participation in the Intergroup Relations Workshop. I was impressed with the alertness of the group.

Thanks, too, for the check for a subscription to our magazine NEW SOUTH; your name is now on the rolls. I will send you the back issues you requested and some other material which I believe you will find interesting.

We feel that the decision of the Clinton jury will have far reaching effects in the South; it will give pause to some of my local compatriots who have felt that they could flout the law with no worry over conviction by a local jury.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/s
Encl.

July 26, 1957

Miss Marilyn Schwartz
916 Carroll Street
Brooklyn 25, New York

Dear Miss Schwartz:

Your letter of July 21, 1957, concerning voting material has been referred to me. I am mailing you a copy of recent voting material prepared by the Southern Regional Council. We expect to publish a more extensive survey concerning the voting figures in a few weeks. The material is now at the printers. I will be glad to mail you a copy as soon as it is off the press.

There is no cost for the material mailed now and the published report should not cost more than twenty-five cents.

We do not have very much material on white voters, but I am sure you will not have too much trouble getting this type of material.

If we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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July 26, 1957

Mr. Nat D. Williams
1310 Sardis Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Nat:

I am planning to come to Memphis August 6, for a couple of days. The purpose of my visit is to assess the effect of the LeMoyne Workshop and also to talk to two or three key people in the Memphis business community. You can be helpful in listing persons with whom I might talk. You would not need to make any contact with them but I would like to get your opinion on the persons I ought to see.

Another matter which has come up has to do with the commercial use of radio in reaching the Negro market. The question is at what level should the appeal be made. There are some who feel that "foggy bottom" music and "hep" talk are resented by the Negro elite. If this is true, how can this group be reached without losing the effectiveness of the program for the masses of Negro society? As the "dean of the Negro disc jockies" you no doubt have some valuable insights which you may be willing to share with us. Please write sometime soon. Remember I am still waiting for the tape recording you promised to send me.

Give my love to Lucille and the children.

Sincerely,

C. H. Parrish
Program Associate

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July 26, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

My dear Mrs. Spearman:

I have nothing scheduled after August 13, except my proposed visit to Jacksonville. No specific dates have been set for the Jacksonville trip and it could easily be adjusted to include a stop-over for a meeting in South Carolina.

Let me know what you think of this idea and suggest possible dates for your meeting. I will be leaving Atlanta next Tuesday for two weeks but any message sent here will reach me.

Cordially,

C. H. Parrish
Program Associate

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July 26, 1957

Mr. Nat Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 South Izard
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Thanks for the copy of Dana Creel's letter. I know it must have been disappointing to all of you there.

I do not know that my interpretations will be any better, if as good, as yours. My guess would be that they are trying to figure out some way to do something about the South without exposing themselves to the sharp edge of controversy. I should further guess that the thing that is keeping your application under consideration at all is such influence of Winthrop's as may attach to it. Although the prospects don't look too bright, I don't think you can afford not to keep pushing in a determined fashion until and unless you are definitely turned down. It would seem to me that you should keep working on the Winthrop angle as effectively as you can.

I hope your committee was able to come up with a plan of operation until you know for sure on the Rockefeller proposal. I will look forward to hearing from you on that and also on "Operation-Break-The-Back". I am hoping that I will have some word from you before I leave for vacation next Wednesday.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL

July 26, 1957

Mr. Hodding Carter
Camden,
Maine

Dear Hodding:

Here is what the News and Courier ran. You will note the juxtaposed box stating their editorial prerogatives -- and the way the prerogatives were used to cut out the parallels, including the references to Waring himself.

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If you decide to do anything on this, please let me know. I wouldn't want to miss it.

Thanks and best regards.

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Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Enclosures - Editorial from THE NEWS AND COURIER
HCF Ltr. of reply to Thomas Waring
Firing Line Analysis

July 26, 1957

Mr. Newton Aiken, Editor
The Evening Sun
Baltimore 3, Maryland

Dear Mr. Aiken:

Many thanks for the tearsheets showing your editorial and cartoon on Negro voting.

It is heartening to see our materials put to such effective and timely use.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 26, 1957

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Adam:

I am slow in acknowledging your last two letters, but I am appreciative none-the-less.

Several of us here had read Frances Williams manuscripts some time ago. While they reflect the thinking of a subtle and intelligent person who is familiar with the South, I think they are too advanced for any mailing list, particularly Southern, that I can think of. This is a matter for the egg heads, better reached through one of the national super-agencies.

I had read Keith Kyle's piece in Commentary and thought it was an admirable analysis of the factors involved in the debate on the Hill. There again, though, I think it is most helpful for the organization leaders who operate in the Washington orbit. A distribution by Harry Fleishman through CCD channels would make much sense.

I believe we sent you a copy of our latest report on Negro registration and voting. As you may have noticed, it's had much treatment in such publications as Time and The Washington Post. I understand Douglas is reading it into the record. I am not sure that you have seen a copy

of our recent semi-annual report of activities, so I am enclosing a copy.

Keep me advised of your own activities and plans.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - Semi-Annual Report of SRC Activities
Clippings:
The Evening Sun - 7/23/57
Washington Post & Times Herald 7/23/57
Time, 7/29/57

July 26, 1957

Mr. David Scull
Annandale,
Virginia

Dear David Scull:

We appreciated your post card of several weeks ago with the suggestion that we get out some information on the various state councils. I haven't answered before because we have been so heavily involved in working out the terms of further financial aid to the state councils. All the final decisions are still not made, but I can tell you that the Virginia Council will be entitled to several thousand dollars in aid for the fiscal year starting October 1st.

Your suggestion about some kind of interchange of information is very pertinent. This is an involved problem with which we are still grappling. For various reasons, we haven't felt that New South was a suitable outlet for such "in the family" information. The truth is that all of the state councils are up against severe difficulties - problems of fund-raising and leadership resulting from the climate of fear and oppression that prevails in the South today. There have been some solid achievements, but even some of those have been of such a nature that publicity would be hazardous. We have encouraged all of the state groups to exchange their own news letters with each other as one possible device. This has worked out only moderately well, and of course does not solve the problem of informing local councils and individual members in the states.

Once the terms of the 1957-58 aid are completed, we had thought of getting up a mimeographed summary of the activities, problems, and general status of the various groups. Your

suggestion strengthens us in that purpose, and we will be writing you again once that summary is complete.

Meanwhile, you may be interested in the semi-annual report of the SRC's own activities, a copy of which is enclosed.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Enclosure - Semi-Annual Report

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July 26, 1957

Mrs. Florence Schalekamp
415 North Ninth Street
Cherokee, Iowa

Dear Mrs. Schalekamp:

Your letter of July 17 is most welcome. As you may know, the church women of the South have long been a powerful force for justice in the field of race relations. It's good to know that their counterparts in other areas of the country are also concerned.

The Southern Regional Council does indeed dispense information. I am sending you separately some of our materials. Our publication New South is issued monthly, and it may be that you and your group would like to subscribe to it.

It is hard to suggest suitable program for someone at a distance. However, we do feel very deeply that this is a national problem and the concern of Americans everywhere. Our suggestions to non-Southerners can be summed up briefly as follows:

(1) Most places have some kind of intergroup problems. It would help the South and the whole country if local people everywhere work for democratic practices in their own communities.

(2) As the current debate in Congress illustrates, the solution to the segregation problem must ultimately be worked

out at the national level. Every citizen can make his influence felt through his senators or representative in Congress.

(3) The Southern Regional Council, as well as various religious groups and other organizations are carrying on staff programs in the South. These efforts depend on contributions from sympathetic people, wherever they live.

(4) What national organizations - whether religious, civic, labor, fraternal, or what not - say and do about race relations is an important influence on these developments in the South. Every one who belongs to such an organization can work for the adoption of a wise and firm position by the group.

(5) Supporting all these efforts should be sound information and analysis. The Southern Regional Council tries to supply this kind of material about the South.

After you have had an opportunity to look over the materials I am sending, do let me know if we can advise and help further in the formulation of your program.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Sent under separate cover: "Next Steps in the South"
New South - May and June issues
"South of Promise"
"Changing Patterns in the New South"
"Toward the South of the Future"

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July 26, 1957

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July 26, 1957

Mr. Hugh A. Brimm
4435 Blenheim Road
Louisville 7, Kentucky

Dear Hugh:

I am sorry to be so long in answering your letter of July 12, but our executive committee meeting and all it entailed has had us swamped.

The idea of a workshop for consultants to industry is a good one, and we will be glad to help in every way we can. As you know, Emory Via, our labor consultant, and John Hope both have experience and skills in this field. Feel free to correspond directly with them if you think they can be of assistance.

It should be possible to get Secretary Mitchell or somebody of comparable status for a suitable occasion. But we wonder whether the consultant workshop is the right occasion. As I understand it, this would be a working session, with little opportunity to assemble an important audience or to stage a prestige affair. The right time to go after Mitchell or someone of that kind might be after your program is rolling.

This is merely one opinion, and it may not be the right one. In any case, I suggest that Ben Segal, Trade Union Consultant for the Fund for the Republic, 1820 Jefferson Place, N. W., Washington, D. C., could be of help to you in planning your session and in getting the ear of important people in Washington. I know that he will be glad to hear from you.

It occurs to me that your two U. S. Senators might be willing to help also.

Keep us posted on these developments and ways in which we can further them.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 26, 1957

Memorandum

To: Emory Via

From: Harold C. Fleming

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Here's a fine letter from George Meany. I have sent thermofax copies to the following:

1. Marion A. Wright
2. Rufus E. Clement
3. Paul Christopher
4. Josephine Wilkins
5. Paul Williams
6. Ben Segal
7. Dave Freeman
8. Dean Brazeal
9. John Hope
10. Max Delson

Do you have suggestions about further use?

When you have finished with the letter, pass it on to Paul so that he can note it for our commendation file before it is regularly filed.

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July 23, 1957

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Thank you for your letter of July 12, and the enclosed copy of the Semi-annual Report on the activities of the Southern Regional Council.

Your organization has been making a constructive and valuable contribution toward the solution of a difficult and trying problem. The skillful and effective job you are doing is much appreciated by all those who believe freedom and the full exercise of human rights to be essential to the American way of life.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

George Meany

President

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July 26, 1957

Mr. Howard D. Samuel
Executive Director
The Sidney Hillman Foundation
15 Union Square West
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Samuel:

It was very thoughtful of you to send us copies of Samuel Lubell's series of lectures at Howard University. We had the pleasure of helping Sam with his research some months ago, and I was present at an Atlanta AJC meeting recently at which he gave a most stimulating speech on this subject.

The lectures are both brilliant and stimulating, and The Sidney Hillman Foundation is to be congratulated on providing an opportunity for an original mind to deal with this very timely subject.

Along the same lines, you may be interested in the enclosed copy of our recent report on the Negro voter in the South.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - "The Negro Voter"

July 26, 1957

Mr. George Hunton
The Catholic Interracial Council
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, New York

Dear George:

At our executive committee meeting the other day, Paul Williams and I talked about you with mutual appreciation. We thought you might like to see the enclosed report on SRC's activities thus far in 1957.

We recently had the good fortune to add to our executive committee Father Sigur of Louisiana. Do you know him?

I hope to see you again before long. Meanwhile, best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - Semi-Annual Report of SRC Activities

July 26, 1957

The Fellowship of Reconciliation
Box 271
Nyack, New York

Dear Sirs:

Please send us one hundred copies of the comic-book, The Montgomery Story. Bill us for cost.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

July 26, 1957

Mr. Benjamin R. Andrews
6 Woodbine Street
South Burlington, Vermont

Dear Mr. Andrews:

Thank you for your letter of July 13, 1957, and your subscription for NEW SOUTH. In answer to your question, no we do not have a fund to send subscriptions to U. S. Senators and Congressmen. One of our affiliates, the Georgia Council on Human Relations, did send NEW SOUTH to the Georgia Representatives and Senators for a year.

Again thanks for your interest; and if we can be of any help to you, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

July 26, 1957

Mr. Glen V. Phillips
344 S. Orange Avenue
Azusa, California

Dear Glen:

I greatly appreciated your friendly and encouraging letter. As you can imagine not all of the letters resulting from the Associated Press story have been from fellow spirits!

We feel very strongly that the segregation problem is national in scope. Of course that fact is usually advanced down here in the "you're another" spirit, the implication being that the South's injustices are validated by injustice elsewhere. As you and I would agree, what it really means is that Americans everywhere have to pitch in with whatever positive contribution they can make.

You may be interested in the enclosed account of the work that the Southern Regional Council is doing. It's very brief in general, but it gives a better idea than the Associated Press story of what we see as our role in the South today.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - "South of Promise"

July 26, 1957

Mr. Emory O. Jackson
Birmingham World
312 North 17th Street
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Emory:

I am planning to come to Birmingham very soon, possibly the 11th and 12th of August. I want to talk to some people there about the possibility of a workshop which Bob has suggested.

You may be interested to know that a clipping which you sent to me several months ago was the source of Senator Douglas' quotation from John Temple Graves' piece on Southern Juries. This was written into the Congressional Record and our columnist friend was hard put for an explanation.

There is a choice item which we ran across the other day. It is a Report of Proceedings of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare held in Birmingham, November 20-23, 1938. Beginning on page 24, there is an account of the presentation of the Thomas Jefferson Award to Mr. Justice Hugo L. Black. The presiding officer was Senator Bankhead and the presentation was made by Mr. John Temple Graves. In this same interesting document is a list of the general officers of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. Listed as Vice Chairman from the state of South Carolina appears the name "Burnette Waybank, Governor-Elect, Columbia." We have wondered whether this could be the Burnet Maybank who was Governor of South Carolina 1939-41 and later U. S. Senator. Members of the Southern Council from Alabama were listed:

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Donald Comer, Industrialist, Owner, Avondale Mills, Inc. Birmingham.
Hugh W. Brown, Pres. Int. Bro. Elec. Workers, (A.F. of L.) Birm.
Charles E. Edwards, Registrar, Ala. Polytechnic Institute, Auburn.
Father T. M. Cullen, Director Catholic Charities, Mobile.
William Mitch, Pres. Ala. Indus. Union Council, (CIO) Birmingham.
Hon. A. A. Carmichael, Lt. Governor, Montgomery.
Mrya Jones Bryant, Member NAACP, Birmingham.

It might be interesting if you could uncover any other data in the form of programs or Proceedings of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare during this period.

One further point, we sometimes get inquiries relative to the Negro market and the kinds of appeal which are effective in the Negro community. If you have any suggestions about the sort of radio presentation which appeals to the widest Negro audience please send them along at your earliest convenience. The belief here is that there are some nationally advertised products which may suffer from the kind of low level presentation which is thought to be necessary in order to reach the masses of the Negro people. I'm not sure that this is true, but if it is I would like to know how a more dignified approach may be made without losing any customers.

I will wire you the exact dates of my visit there as soon as the rest of my itinerary is straightened out.

Hoping to see you soon, I remain,

Cordially,

C. H. Parrish
Program Associate

CHP:lec

July 29, 1957

Government Printing Office
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Please send us three copies of the Congressional Record for July 26, 1957. Bill us for cost.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Enclosures:
The Birmingham News Article -
New York Times Article - Nov. 11, 1956
Winston-Salem Journal & Sentinel - June 30, 1957
Biographical Notes on Board Members

check against Hughes etc on ala.

July 29, 1957

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL

Mr. Frank McCulloch
Office of Senator Douglas
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCulloch:

This is in pursuance of our telephone conversation of this morning.

First, let me say how much we appreciate Senator Douglas' very able and forthright rebuttal of the attacks made on the Southern Regional Council Friday. I am writing the Senator separately to express our thanks.

The attack, as you know, is based on the listing by the Firing Line of several past and present members of the Southern Regional Council's Board who are alleged to have had some affiliation at some time with the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. Some of these past and present board members are people who occupy positions of distinction and whose careers, in several cases, have earned them national reputations. Since their names have already been derogated by insertion in the record of the May 15th issue of the Firing Line, I do not think that further mention of them would be damaging. I am enclosing brief biographical notes on those past or present Board members cited by the Firing Line who are particularly good examples of the worthlessness of the charges. I believe that the Senators of their respective states could only speak of them with respect and esteem.

We are also concerned about the attack on the validity of the Southern Regional Council's reports on Negro registration. In reply to the claims of Senator Johnston and others, the following points may be worth noting:

(1) The way in which our figures for Alabama were shown, unfortunately, is subject to criticism. Ten counties have no entry in the column for Negro registrants. This leads logically to the conclusion that our survey produced positive evidence that there were no Negroes registered in these counties. This is not necessarily true. The field consultant for Alabama placed a dash beside those counties in which no Negroes were registered and those for which no Negro registration figures could be secured. Our Research Assistant carried this into the overall summary, feeling that the matter was adequately covered by the qualifying statement in the foreword: "A zero, blank, or dash means that there are no Negro registrants known to our sources of information." I realize that this was misleading and apologize for that fact. The counties may be distinguished in three categories: Our Alabama consultant made a positive finding of no Negroes registered in DeKalb, Marshall, Wilcox and Lowndes Counties; he could not secure information as to Negro registration in three counties - Blount, Clay and Winston - in which the Negro population is extremely small and where the registration, if any, would be negligible; and he simply was unable to secure a reliable report on three counties with significant Negro populations - Jackson, Morgan, and Tallapoosa. The same kind of distinction that was made in the case of North Carolina should have been made here, and I can only echo appreciatively Senator Douglas' remark that when one is dealing with a thousand counties, the possibility of error is indeed present.

(2) This discrepancy should not be allowed to invalidate the overall picture for Alabama. Our estimate of the state-wide total as of the summer of 1956 was 53,366. In May of 1956, The Birmingham News reported a state-wide estimate of 50,000. In May of this year, The Montgomery Advertiser reported editorially that the "prevailing guesses range from 40,000 to 50,000." I am enclosing a thermofax copy of The Birmingham News article, which contains other information of interest, and a reprinted version of The Montgomery Advertiser editorial. The point here is that two of the leading daily newspapers of Alabama reported estimates that were slightly smaller than that of the Southern Regional Council. It is of minor interest to see that The Birmingham News was also apparently unable to secure Negro registration figures for Morgan County.

(3) In the Congressional Record for Friday, at page 11633, Senator Johnston ridicules the Council's statement about the percentage of Negroes registered. Actually, the Council's report stated that Negroes made up eighteen per cent of Louisiana's total registration and that this was the highest such percentage among the Southern states. This is an accurate statement. Senator Johnston in his confusion then proceeds to quote Mr. Fowler, Director of the State Board of Registrants, to the effect that Negroes make up 14.8 per cent of the total - a lower estimate than the Council's! The probable explanation of this is that between March 1956 and October 1956 the official tabulation of Negro registrants in Louisiana dropped from 161,410 to 152,378. The Council used the earlier figure. Both of these figures are official compilations and are on public record at the State Board of Registrants and the Office of the Secretary of State.

(4) Senator Johnston, at page 11632, attacks the Council's figures for South Carolina by quoting John McCray, Negro 1953 State Chairman of the South Carolina Progressive Democrats. According to his statement, "McCray said in 1953 that 125,000 Negroes were registered in South Carolina at that time," etc. This was a greatly inflated estimate, and I am enclosing a copy of the New York Times of November 11, 1956, in which the same Mr. McCray estimates the total of Negro registrants in the state as 80,000 to 85,000. It is clear that either Mr. McCray was misquoted the first time or secured later information which caused him to revise his estimate sharply downward. Senator Johnston's statement that nobody could make a field survey of Negro registration in South Carolina's forty-six counties is absurd. In every county, there are leaders, white and Negro, who can give very nearly exact estimates of the number of Negroes registered. Our figures are admittedly estimates and they were obtained in this way.

(5) I am also enclosing a copy of an article on the Negro vote in North Carolina from the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel, June 30, 1957. You will note that the writer, Mr. Chester Davis, cites as fact some instances of discrimination and gives various estimates of the state-wide total which tend to confirm the SRC's estimate of 135,000.

I hope that these points in substantiation of the Council's report will be helpful. In every case, the sources of this information are sources other than the Southern Regional Council and it might be well

to indicate this in any use the Senator cares to make of this material.

With appreciation and every good wish,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosures

PAUL R. CHRISTOPHER - Regional Director - AFL-CIO - 216 Flatiron Building, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Served as Labor Advisor to National War Labor Board, War Production Board, War Manpower Commission, and United States Department of Labor. Appointed by Governor Frank Clement to membership on State Citizens Advisory Committee to Tennessee Department of Public Welfare, (~~serving currently~~).

RUFUS E. CLEMENT - President, Atlanta University - Atlanta, Georgia

Member Atlanta Board of Education (currently serving second term). Member of Advisory Commission of the U. S. Office of Education Survey on Higher Education for Negroes. Member, NEA Committee on International Relations. Member, Board of Directors, United Negro College Fund. President, the Conference of Presidents of Negro Land Grant Colleges. Member, Board of Governors, National U. S. O.

HERBERT M. DAVIDSON - Editor, The News-Journal - Daytona Beach, Florida

Has served as editor of The News-Journal since 1928. A past president of the Associated Dailies of Florida. A member of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and an honorary member of Sigma Delta Chi, the journalistic fraternity. Served in World War II with the Overseas Division of the Office of War Information. Past Chairman, the Daytona Beach Community Chest; past Chairman of the Bethune-Cookman College Executive Committee; director of the Daytona Beach Rotary Club; member of the Schools of Journalism Committee of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association. For several years, represented the SNPA on the National Council for Education in Journalism. Past President, Unitarian Fellowship of Daytona Beach.

BENJAMIN E. MAYS - President, Morehouse College - Atlanta, Georgia

Formerly Dean of School of Religion, Howard University. Board Member, National YMCA. Board Member and past vice-president, National Council of Churches of Christ in America. Past member of the Central Committee, World Council of Churches. Member, National Committee of Mid-Century White House Conference on Children and Youth. Named "Alumnus of the Year", University of Chicago Divinity School, 1949.

HOWARD W. ODUM - Deceased

Instructor, University of Mississippi, 1905-08. Superintendent, University Summer School for Teachers, University of Georgia, 1916-1919. Director, Bureau of Home Service,

Southern Division, American Red Cross, 1918. Dean, School of Liberal Arts, Emory University, 1919-20. Kenan Professor of Sociology, University of North Carolina 1920-1954. Director, Institute for Research in Social Science, University of North Carolina, 1924-44. Member and Assistant Director, President's Research Committee on Social Trends. Chief of Social Science Division, Century of Progress Exposition, Chicago. Chairman, North Carolina Emergency Relief Administration. Chairman, North Carolina Civil Works Administration. Member, North Carolina State Planning Board. President, American Sociological Society. Recipient, Catholic Conference of the South Award, 1943, Bernays Award, 1945. Author of numerous volumes of research and commentary on the Southern region.

FREDERICK D. PATTERSON - ~~President~~ Director, The Phelps-Stokes Fund - New York, N. Y.

Formerly President, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. President, United Negro College Fund. Trustee, Fisk University, Bethune-Cookman College and Hampton Institute. Formerly member, Colored Work Department, National Council YMCA. Formerly, special assistant to Secretary of U. S. Department of Agriculture. A member, Board of Incorporators, American Red Cross.

EDWIN A. PENICK - ~~Retired~~ Bishop, The Episcopal Church - Raleigh, North Carolina

Served as rector of: St. Paul's Church, Bennettsville, South Carolina; Church of the Good Shepherd, Columbia, South Carolina; St. Peter's Church, Charlotte, North Carolina. Consecrated Bishop Coadjutor Diocese of North Carolina, 1922; Bishop, Diocese of North Carolina, 1932. Formerly: President, North Carolina Council of Churches; Civilian Chaplain, U. S. Army; Trustee, University of the South, St. Augustine's College, (president of board), and, President of Board of Trustees of St. Mary's School, Raleigh. President, Board of Managers, Thompson Orphanage, Charlotte, North Carolina.

EDMUND C. PETERS - Retired - Atlanta, Georgia

Taught in the public schools of Tennessee and Louisiana, serving as high school principal in latter state. Served with War Work Council of the YMCA in Far East, 1917-1920. Missionary work with Methodist Church in China, 1920-27. Married, 1920, Dr. Ethel M. Polk, a medical missionary of the Methodist Church. Elected President of Paine College, a Methodist institution, Augusta, Georgia, in 1929. Served in that position for 27 years.

MARION A. WRIGHT - Attorney - Linville Falls, North Carolina

Practiced law in Conway, South Carolina, until retirement in 1947. Past President, Alumni Association and Law Alumni Association of the University of South Carolina. President, South Carolina Conference on Social Workers and South Carolina Citizens Library Movement. Chairman, South Carolina Library Board and South Carolina Commission on Adult Education. Served, by appointment of President Roosevelt, as a member of the Enemy Alien Board for South Carolina during World War II.

July 29, 1957

Mr. A. P. Tureaud
Encampment for Citizenship
Fieldston School
Fieldston Road
New York 71, New York

Dear Mr. Tureaud:

In accordance with your request of July 28, we are mailing you, under separate cover, copies of the informational brochure concerning the Southern Regional Council. Should you require additional information please let me know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

July 30, 1957

Mr. Harry Fleischman, Director
National Labor Service
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Harry:

Some time ago, the people at Red Book asked us if we could find a "converted white Southerner" whose experience might be written up as a magazine article. We did find such person, but her story wasn't quite what Red Book wanted; I believe the reason was that she does not fall in their preferred age bracket.

Enclosed is her story as she has written it up herself. There is no thought that it would be publishable in this form, but this would give an editor a chance to see what might be done by a staff written article or by an "as told to" approach.

I know it is asking a lot of you in your busy role as chairman of the Media Committee, but I am wondering if you could find the proper channel for this article idea to reach the attention of suitable magazine editors. Our interest is simply in seeing a constructive experience by a courageous Southern woman reach a wide audience. I might add that this is a rare opportunity, since few converts of this kind are willing to undergo the consequences of telling their story publicly.

Anything you can do on this will be much appreciated.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming

HCF/mf
Enclosure

July 30, 1957

Dr. Willa B. Player, President
Bennett College
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Player:

It is summer time and I am busy running from one School of Mission to the other and I am usually home just over Sunday, hence the delay in answering your gracious invitation to speak at vesper either on March 9, or March 23, 1958. As it now stands, either of these dates are open so you may list me and let me know so I will hold the date.

I am indeed appreciative of this privilege and it is really an honor to be with your student body.

With the best of wishes for you and your great school, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

July 30, 1957

Mr. Theodore Bernstein
Assistant Managing Editor
New York Times
279 West 43rd Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Bernstein:

John Popham suggested that you would be interested in the enclosed report on discrimination against would-be Negro voters in the South. It has had a good deal of public notice in the last few days.

This represents only part of the findings of a South-wide survey carried out by the Southern Regional Council last summer and fall. Other parts of the survey dealt at greater length with the less spectacular problems that interfere with full exercise of the ballot by Negroes in the South. Discrimination by registrars and other local officials is only one of the obstacles, and it is found mainly in the rural counties known as the "Black Belt." Social and economic factors, apathy and lack of motivation are also serious problems in many of the cities and less prejudiced areas of the South. We will soon be publishing a complete report of our findings, and I will be glad to see that you get a copy at that time.

Meanwhile, let us know at any time if we can supply information on racial matters in the South that would be of help to you.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 30, 1957

Mr. Stanton E. Smith
Tennessee State Labor Council
939 Church Street
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Stanton:

I am trying to get a copy of George Mitchell's film so that you may preview it. I think that it will be available before the end of this week.

Thanks so much for your effective aid and participation in our Union Staff Training Seminar. I will send the film to you as soon as it is available.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:as

July 30, 1957

Mr. Courtney Siceloff, Director
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

This is in reply to your letter of July 27, which reaches me just as I am about to take off for a couple of weeks of vacation.

Our point about continued bi-racial staff activities was simply this: the largest allocation was approved for South Carolina because South Carolina's proposal embodied the most ambitious staff setup - namely, the continuance of two professionals, one white and one Negro. (The only other state proposing to do this was Arkansas, but they appeared to have prospects of substantial aid from other sources, so less was allocated to them.)

If South Carolina should now revise its plan downward so that it will be undertaking only as much as the other states which received less, the Council could hardly justify the larger allocation. I do not mean by this that South Carolina would necessarily have to stay by the terms of its first proposal or that it would have to continue as presently staffed. I simply mean that something extra in the way of bi-racial staff work would be expected of South Carolina under the circumstances. I suggest that your committee go ahead and make the proposal that seems to you to make sense, and if there is any problem we can correspond further about it.

Fred has custody of all the state proposals and is unfortunately away from the office today. I am passing

your request for budget information for his earliest attention on his return. It was good to be with you and Lib at the Fisk Institute.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 30, 1957

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rufus:

Our findings on Negro suffrage in the South have had even wider use since the executive committee meeting, including a full-page treatment in Time and the enclosed editorial from The Baltimore Sun. Our latest report was also introduced into the Senate debate on Friday and drew the expected fire from Senator Olin Johnston from South Carolina. Also enclosed is a clipping of an AP story from the Raleigh Times which gives a capsule version of Johnston's charges and our reply.

We have ordered copies of The Congressional Record containing this part of the debate and will send you a copy as soon as they arrive.

I am leaving tomorrow morning for vacation. Fred Routh and the other members of the staff will have things well in hand until I return. I hope that soon after that we can have further conversation about the proposed international institute.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

July 30, 1957

The Honorable Paul H. Douglas
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Douglas:

This will acknowledge with keen appreciation your letter of July 27 and the enclosures which you were thoughtful enough to send us.

As I read the Record for Friday, July 26, my admiration for both your skill and your fairness in debate continued to grow.

An organization such as ours comes to expect the kind of attack that was made upon us in the Senate, although I must say we are sorry to see the name of the American Legion used to lend respectability to the charges.

We could ask for nothing better, however, than the able and sympathetic defense which you gave. I know I speak for the Council as a whole when I say that we are warmly grateful.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 30, 1957

Mr. M. A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thank you for your good letter of July 22. I agree that the last executive committee meeting was a most satisfactory one, and your analysis of why it was so will have full consideration in the planning of future meetings.

It was heartening to see the enthusiastic way the committee responded to your idea of an international institute. We will begin as soon as possible efforts to translate this idea into reality. It may well be that the person we employ for the internship will be a suitable staff person to do much of the spade work for this conference. But, of course, that decision will have to await the employment of an intern, so that we can evaluate his skills in this regard.

As you requested, I am enclosing the names and addresses of the Nominating Committee.

As you know, our findings on Negro suffrage have had very wide use. Our latest report was introduced into the deliberations of the Senate on Friday and drew the expected attack upon us, lead by Senator Olin Johnston. We have ordered copies of The Congressional Record for that date and I am asking John Constable to see that you receive one. Meanwhile, I enclose a copy of an article from the Raleigh Times which summarizes Senator Johnston's attack and our reply solicited Friday night by the Associated Press. If you have further ideas about steps

we should take to counter these charges, do let us have them. I am about to leave on vacation, but Fred will be here most of the time I am away and when he is not, John Constable will be in charge. I have left full information as to how I may be reached in the event of any emergent need.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosures - List of Nominating Committee Members
Article from Raleigh Times - 7/27/57

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1956 - 1957

:

Gomillion, Charles G.

Dean of Students
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee, Alabama

Hammer, Philip

Director
Hammer & Company
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Hamilton, Mrs. Grace T.

Executive Secretary
Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Mays, Benjamin E.

President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Richards, J. McDowell

President
Columbia Theological Seminary
Decatur, Georgia

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July 30, 1957

Miss Eleanor McGregor
Director, U. S. A. Program
Association for World Travel Exchange
38 West 88th Street
New York 24, New York

Dear Miss McGregor:

We will be happy to receive Tour #4 on Thursday and Friday of this week.

At this point we are not able to give you a definite and full program for the group. However, the following activities have been tentatively arranged as a part of the visit:

(1) An extensive briefing by SRC staff members.

(2) A tour of Atlanta University and possibly an opportunity to talk with officials, professors, and students of the School.

(3) A tour of greater Atlanta, including the Negro community.

(4) Swim and "bull" sessions on Saturday afternoon.

(5) An opportunity for the group, if desired, to attend church services in the Negro community and to have dinners with families of the congregation. The group will be accompanied by Mr. William Gordon, City Editor, Atlanta Daily World.

Through necessity and intent we are leaving a somewhat flexible schedule until we have an opportunity to chat with the group.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

July 30, 1957

Mr. Benjamin D. Segal
Trade Union Consultant
Fund for the Republic
1820 Jefferson Place, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ben:

Thanks for your good letter and enclosure.

Our voting findings have indeed been getting quite a bit of play. In fact, they have propelled us right into no-man's land, as far as the Senate debate on civil rights are concerned. If you have a chance, you can find the cross-fire about us in The Congressional Record for Friday, July 26. Douglas' defense is heartwarming. What are you, as the Washington representative of SRC, doing?

You and Emory deserve high praise for the Labor Seminar at Fisk. I hear all manner of good things about it and only wish that events could have worked out so that I could have been there at that time.

Emory told me that you had some success in raising money from the unions. I do hope that The Fund for the Republic will come through with a supplementary allocation. I assume that you are doing at least some reporting on Emory's program. We include that in our regular reports, but I should think you would want to give it even more emphasis. If we can help let us know.

We would have no objection whatever to the JLC contributing to the labor consultant program with the understanding that you

set forth so ably in your letter. As you know, we have no jealousy about Emory's services. We simply want him to do the most effective job possible in this field, consistent with the general policies of SRC. I am delighted at the way our cooperative approach has worked out, and I don't think we need ever worry about any clash of interests or direction between the Washington branch and Atlanta branch of SRC. But you are wise to make it crystal clear to Manny that, for the sake of orderly operation, there cannot be duplicate lines of supervision and direction of this program. Any funds that JLC can put into the program with this understanding will, of course, be more than welcome. Am I to understand that any such contribution would be made to your budget? This would suit fine, as it would mean that you and Manny could work out national strategies and suggestions together.

Are you raising the question of Washington representative seriously? If so, let me have more details about what kind of arrangement you have in mind. As I said before, if we can work out anything that would simplify your problems of getting finance, we would like to do it. Frankly, though, I can't foresee any kind of workable arrangement under which you would be answerable to the Executive Committee of SRC. That would unduly cramp you and me too. Any way, give me some specific ideas to chew on.

I am, God willing, leaving for vacation tomorrow morning and will be back on deck Monday, August 19. I hope you will arrange some kind of rest and relaxation, if not for yourself at least for your nice family.

Best regards always.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 30, 1957

Mr. Joseph P. Lyford
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Joe:

You did an excellent job of answering Ryan in America. I didn't see his article, but I get a good idea of its contents from your able rebuttal.

I was also pleased to see your article reprinted in the Interracial Review.

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Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 30, 1957

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The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

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July 31, 1957

Mr. Courtney Siceloff, Director
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Siceloff:

At the request of Harold Fleming we are enclosing budgets from five (5) of the other state organizations.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures - Estimated Budgets for Virginia, Kentucky, Florida, Arkansas and Georgia.

FILE COPY

July 31, 1957

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Executive Editor
Journal and Guide
719 East Olney Road
Norfolk 1, Virginia

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Mr. Arthur Meyerhoff
Arthur Meyerhoff and Company
410 North Michigan
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Meyerhoff:

I am writing this to let you know that we have not been idle on your query about the Negro market.

I have asked an able newspaperman who does occasional fact-finding jobs for us to interview some appropriate persons in the Atlanta area. He will give us an informal report in the next day or two, which we will forward to you.

I am about to leave for vacation, but our Director of Information, Mr. Constable, will be writing you shortly. I have asked him to send you information from our files that has a bearing on the matter with which you are concerned.

If you would like some additional evidence of a somewhat more formal nature, I can recommend to you a Mr. George Davis of the Business School faculty of Atlanta University, a leading Negro institution of higher learning here. Mr. Davis has done a good deal of "motivational research" on the Negro community for the advertising guidance of such outfits as Merita Bread and the American Tobacco Company. I am told that the findings he has already on hand bear out the thesis that status appeals are the key to successful advertising in the Negro community.

I have made no contact with Mr. Davis but simply pass on the suggestion to you for what it is worth.

I needn't tell you that we have treated your inquiry in complete confidence.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
(Signed in Mr. Fleming's Absence.)

July 31, 1957

Mr. Frank McCulloch
Office of Senator Douglas
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCulloch:

We are interested in obtaining a quantity of reprints of the portion of the Congressional Record of July 26, 1957, concerning the Southern Regional Council. Could you tell me the easiest and most inexpensive way of going about obtaining such material?

We would appreciate any aid you may extend us in this matter.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

July 31, 1957

Miss Sheila Kelley
Senator Javits Office
Room 311, Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Kelley:

Enclosed is the material I promised you. The lawyer mentioned in the Columbus paper is Mr. Daniel Duke, Volunteer Building, Atlanta, Georgia. The telephone number is Jackson 3-7404.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encls.

July 31, 1957

Mrs. G. A. Thompson, Dean
School of Missions
1004 - 15th Avenue, S.
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Thompson:

You are certainly prompt with your fulfillment of responsibility. Your recent letter was received before I had time to write you my note of thanks for the privilege of being in your school. It was a splendid experience. Your conference is most fortunate in having its officers of such great ability.

I appreciate the response of my class and all the courtesies that were shown to me. But most of all I am so grateful to you for inviting me and providing the room for me in the Alumni Building.

You are truly a great dean and thanks for all of it.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

July 31, 1957

Corrected on original

Mrs. Mary Lena Wisehart
Woman's Society of Christian Service
24 W Villa Place
Fort Thomas, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Wisehart:

I find that my train will reach Corbin at 4:20 Sunday Afternoon. I hope you will be at London if it is not too difficult. I hope someone will meet me.

Looking forward to being with you, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

MEMORANDUM

July 31, 1957

TO: Fred Routh
John Constable
Paul Anthony
Ruth Alexander
Frances Carnes

FROM: H. C. Fleming

:

My address for the two weeks beginning Friday night August 2nd will be:

6221 Midnight Pass Road
Sarasota, Florida

PHONE: EXport 9-4792

On Wednesday night, July 31st I plan to be stopping over at the Ashley Oaks Motel, Valdosta, Georgia. Phone: 3577.

Anybody other than staff who wants to reach me very badly can be given the number in Sarasota, Florida

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July 31, 1957

Miss Irene Osborne
American Friends Service Committee
Twenty South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Osborne:

Thank you for your letter of July 29 to Mr. Fleming who is presently away on vacation.

Your letter indicated that you were enclosing informational material which your office had sent to the Saturday Evening Post. This is to inform you that upon opening your letter we were unable to find any such enclosure. I am sure Mr. Fleming would be most interested in this material and I am asking that you be kind enough to forward the same to us so that it can be passed on to him.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Executive Director

MF

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EFV:fc

July 31, 1957

Mr. Joe Glazer, Education Director
United Rubber, Cork, Linoleum &
Plastic Workers of America
87 South High Street
Akron 8, Ohio

Dear Joe:

Sorry to be so late in replying to your letter of July 9th. I've been away from the office most of that time and without secretarial help.

I will be happy to be with your summer school September 22-28; I think that I could be with you for most of that week. I would need to get my expenses, and I usually get around a hundred dollars honorarium for a week.

You let me know your thinking on how much stuff you want covered. From my point of view, I think that it is valuable to get background on the South and Southern unions, to lay out where the desegregation process now stands, what the Court said, and the implications of the hate groups for union efforts and democracy.

It may be that you would want me to help out on some of the other courses or workshops; such an arrangement has its advantages in giving the "race" guy a chance to identify with the group in other ways as well.

I will plan to bring the film of George Mitchell's map talk, "The Face of the South," with me. We can use it if you wish.

Best personal wishes,

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/pa

July 31, 1957

Mr. George McMillan
Box 299
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear George:

Thanks for your note. It came just after we received the clipping of your piece in the Post.

I am sorry our last report didn't reach you before you sent your piece off, for frankly I would have liked to see you modify your analysis a bit. Your point that the civil rights bill would not open any flood gates is a sound one. But I do think it would have an effect, even if only psychological, that would amount to something in the long pull. Then too we have to consider what the effect on Negro suffrage would be if the bill were beaten down. But I liked your point about the complexities as against the fraudulent simplifications that the Southern contingent is putting out on the Hill.

Let me know when you get another such assignment and we can be of some help.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 31, 1957

Mr. E. T. A. Bryant
President
Shreveport Division, B.S.C.P.
The Pullman Company
Shreveport, Louisiana

Sent to 2852 Milan St.
Shreveport

Dear Brother Bryant:

A recent letter from Will Campbell of the National Council of Churches indicated that you were planning conferences on civil rights to be held in Louisiana and that you were on the lookout for resource persons.

This letter is to offer to be of any service to you that I can. I do not know how much you know about the Southern Regional Council, so I am sending under separate cover some materials on our organization. We have had the friendship of President Randolph, are known by Mr. McFarlin of the Atlanta Division, and have a cooperating relationship with the AFL-CIO Civil Rights Department; The AFL-CIO contributes financially to our work as do various international unions.

One of my jobs is to work with special institutes, conferences and summer schools sponsored by unions on matters related to civil rights, race relations, background on southern problems, the desegregation process, and what the Supreme Court said and its implications. The Council is also able to supply materials that are pertinent to these different areas.

I look forward to hearing from you and to being of such service as you feel will be of aid to you.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via,
Labor Consultant

EFV:fc

SAME LETTER SENT TO: Dr. Wilbur Adams
Superintendent of Schools
Carrolton, Missouri

Blind copies to: Nat R. Griswold
Dr. Willis Sutton

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

July 31, 1957

Mr. G. E. Evans
Superintendent of Schools
Poteau, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Evans:

Enclosed is an information sheet on the Arkansas School Administrators Conference on Desegregation.

We are indebted to you and want to thank you for your cooperation. The Southern Regional Council will pay your expenses involved in this consultant work. We pay eight cents per mile for automobile travel and actual costs for plane or train tickets. Meals and lodging are also taken care of. Our consultant fee is $35.00 per day of actual work. This particular job would constitute 1½ days work or a consultant fee of $52.50.

Arrangements for the Conference are being made by the Executive Director of SRC's state affiliate. His address is:

Nat. R. Griswold
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 South Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Phone: FRanklin 4-4521

Mr. Griswold will be driving from Little Rock to Lamar in the afternoon of August 7. If you prefer to fly to

Little Rock or to drive there and complete the trip with him, he will be happy to make such arrangements. If you wish to do this please indicate to Mr. Griswold your time and place of arrival in Little Rock.

Mr. Sutton will serve as team coordinator.

With every wish for the success of the meeting.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf
Enclosure - 1 Information Sheet re
Arkansas School Administrators Conference...

INFORMATION SHEET

ARKANSAS SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS' CONFERENCE ON DESEGREGATION

:

PLACE: The Public School, Lamar, Arkansas (5 miles east of Clarksville on U. S. Highway 64.)

TIME: 7:30 Wednesday Evening, August 7, to _____ Thursday, August 8.

PARTICIPANTS:

Selected superintendents of schools west and north of Little Rock on either side of the Arkansas River. Possibly 12 - 15 participants including two college deans and one head of a Department of Education at a college. The school systems have three things in common: (1) they are relatively small; (2) they have a small percentage of Negro pupils; and (3) they provide inadequate but expensive schooling for Negroes under the present segregated system.

These schools are favorably influenced by the prompt action of Charleston (a near-by town) which desegregated its few Negro pupils promptly after the Supreme Court's decision and by similar action at Fayetteville which is in the same general region. Some of these places fear another "Hoxie" or another "Clinton." With five larger communities in Arkansas preparing to move this fall this seems a strategic time for these smaller systems to comply. The more communities which desegregate the more difficult will it be for any to be singled out for "attention" by the White Citizens' Council or other resistance groups.

CHARACTER:

This will be an off-the-record meeting, without publicity. Maximum freedom of discussion is anticipated — airing of unreal fears and real problems; extracting all kinds of information on successes and admissions of difficulties from the consultants. This will be schoolmen in a session.

OBJECTIVES:

Looking at the broad view of the whole state of Arkansas and its strategic importance to the rest of the region, three objectives

seem most important:

(1) Have these superintendents reassured that they can desegregate without serious community discord;

(2) Have them learn, and relate to their own situations, effective steps to insure smooth transition in desegregation;

(3) Open the way for joint preparation for action this fall.

August 1, 1957

Reverend Frederick R. Strashery
South Congregational Church
45 Maple Street
Springfield, Massachusetts

Dear ~~Reverend~~ Mr. Strashery:

You may recall that some months ago, during your visit to Atlanta, you requested material on the Council and its activities. This we are sending under separate cover.

My apologies for having taken so long in this. But, very truthfully, my slightly inadequate personal filing system has just turned it up!

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

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The Reverend William A. Buckhardt
187 South Main Street
New Canaan, Connecticut

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Box 277
Wilton, Connecticut

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PA/mf

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Mr. Duncan Hunter
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hunter:

We are sending you the enclosed list of the trustees of Wesley Memorial Building at the request of Harold Fleming who is on vacation.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - List of Trustees - Wesley Memorial Church.

August 1, 1957

Mr. S. L. Gentry
228 Church Street
Sumter, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Gentry:

Since Mr. Fleming is on vacation, your letter of July 30, has been referred to me. We are mailing you, under separate cover, a copy of a recent survey on The Negro Voter In The South. We are expecting to publish this in full detail in a later issue of New South, our monthly publication. This is the only formal mailing list we have and subscription to the magazine is two dollars ($2.00) per year. I am enclosing a sample copy for your perusal. Also enclosed is some informational material concerning the Council.

Corrected on original

If we can be of additional help please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encls. (3)

August 1, 1957

Mr. George B. Tindall
Department of History
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge 3, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Tindall:

Since Mr. Fleming is on vacation, your letter of July 31, has been referred to me. We are mailing you, under separate cover, the information you requested with the exception of the pamphlet on the Durham, Atlanta, Richmond statements. I am sending you a mimeograph copy of the statements however, which I hope will serve your purpose.

The only charge for the material is forty cents for the booklet INTEGRATION NORTH AND SOUTH for which I am enclosing an invoice.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl. (Invoice)

August 1, 1957

Miss Lillian Smith
Old Screamer Mountain
Clayton, Georgia

Dear Miss Smith:

Your article in the current Progressive reminded me that I had not thanked you for sending the copy of your recent Atlanta speech to me. Harold Fleming and I do appreciate your interest.

Enclosed is a copy of the Semi-Annual Report which Harold and I thought might interest you. Harold is away on vacation but before he left he asked that I also express his appreciation to you.

Again thanks and very best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

August 1, 1957

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Oscar:

Harold is out of the office on his annual vacation so I hasten to answer your letter of July 30.

Glad to hear that James Michener is coming South. Since I didn't know how far his itinerary would take him I have listed a few people in each of the twelve states which we cover. I recognize the list is probably longer than he can cover but he can choose almost at random from the list and come up with a good group.

I would highlight or "star" a few names: Patty Boyle, Charlottesville, Virginia; M. A. Wright, Linville Falls, North Carolina; James M. Dabbs, Mayesville, South Carolina; Ralph McGill, Atlanta, Georgia; Martin Luther King, Jr., Montgomery, Alabama and Hodding Carter, Greenville, Mississippi.

We will, of course, be glad to introduce him to the people in Hotlanta.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf
Enclosure - 1 List

P. S. Note that the list runs geographically rather than alphabetically.

List - Possible Contacts for James Michener
in Twelve Southern States

ALABAMA

Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.
The Montgomery Improvement Association
530 South Union Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Reverend Robert Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council/on Human Relations
1218 Comer Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Mr. Charles G. Gomillion
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Mr. Grover Hall
Montgomery Advertiser
Montgomery, Alabama

ARKANSAS

Mr. Nat R. Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 Isard Street (South)
Little Rock, Arkansas

Mr. Harry Ashmore, Editor
Arkansas Gazette
Little Rock, Arkansas

Mrs. L. C. Bates
State President - NAACP
1804 Bishop Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

FLORIDA

Reverend Edward Graham
Mt. Zion Baptist Church
Miami, Florida

Mr. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
2 213 N. E. Second Avenue
Miami 32, Florida

Florida - continued

Mr. Seymour Samet
Southeast Area Director
The American Jewish Committee
1208 Congress Building
Miami 32, Florida

GEORGIA

Harold C. Fleming & Fred Routh
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. Ralph McGill, Editor
Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Miss Lillian Smith
Old Screamer Mountain
Clayton, Georgia

Mr. Arthur Levin, Director
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
41 Exchange Place, S. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

KENTUCKY

Mr. Charles Steele
Executive Secretary
Louisville Urban League
608 West Walnut Street, Suite 509
Louisville, Kentucky

Dr. C. H. Parrish
Department of Sociology
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky

LOUISIANA

Dr. Albert W. Dent, President
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Father Louis Twomey, S.J.
Loyola University
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Miss Mary C. Raymond
Executive Director
Council of Social Agencies
211 Camp Street - Rm. 602
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

MISSISSIPPI

Bishop Joseph Brunini
Auxiliary Bishop of Natchez
P. O. Box 57 or 123 Northwest Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Mr. Hodding Carter
Delta-Times-Democrat
Greensville, Mississippi

Mrs. R. S. Lyells
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
P. O. Box 9096
Jackson 3, Mississippi

NORTH CAROLINA

Mr. M. A. Wright
President - SRC
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Mr. John H. Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
116 Parrish Street
Durham, North Carolina

Mr. Don Shoemaker
Executive Director
Southern Education Reporting Service
1109 Nineteenth Avenue, North
Nashville, Tennessee

SOUTH CAROLINA

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
"Rip Rap" Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Mrs. Alice Spearman & Mr. James McCain
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

TENNESSEE

Messrs. Herman Long & John Hope, II
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Mr. Will D. Campbell
Race Relations Division
National Council of Churches
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Tennessee - continued

Mr. Lucius Birch, Attorney
Court Square Building
128 North Court Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

Mr. Galen Martin
Southern Representative
Unitarian Service Committee
Box 887
Knoxville, Tennessee

Mr. & Mrs. James R. Stokely
405 Clifton Heights
Newport, Tennessee

TEXAS

Mr. Ed. Kloppe
Executive Director
Texas Council on Human Relations
504 West Twenty-Fourth Street
Austin, Texas

Dr. Fitzpatrick
Executive Secretary
Texas Council of Churches
Austin, Texas

Mr. Ronnie Duggers, Editor
Texas Observer
Austin, Texas

VIRGINIA

Charlottesville

Mrs. Sarah Patton Boyle
Box 3183
University Station
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dr. David Wilson, M.D.
Medical School
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, Virginia

Richmond

Dr. John H. Marvin
Virginia Council on Human Relations
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond, Virginia

August 1, 1957

Mr. Nat R. Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 South Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

I am enclosing a copy of the letter which was sent to Mr. Evans and Dr. Adams. I have sent a copy of it to Dr. Sutton too. They will be getting in touch with you.

We believe that the Arkansas Council is moving in really significant ways in this undertaking. It appears to us that this is the year of the big breakthrough in the middle South with Nashville moving, plus three communities in North Carolina - Charlottesville, Winston-Salem, and Greensboro. If some half dozen to a dozen communities in Arkansas can also move it will be of great significance to us in the South.

Warm personal regards,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf
Enclosures - Copies of ltrs. to Mr. Evans and Dr. Adams

August 1, 1957

Dr. Willis Sutton
c/o Mr. Frank P. Drake
Fletcher, North Carolina

Dear Willis:

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Best of luck in the undertaking. We have every confidence in you. Once more many personal thanks.

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Enclosures:
1 Check for $100.00 - No.4043
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Copies of ltrs. to Mr. Evans and Dr. Adams

August 1, 1957

Mr. E. H. McDonald
Assistant State Superintendent
of Education
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. McDonald:

Just a note to thank you for your cooperation in enlisting superintendents for possible use as consultants in Arkansas. We chose Mr. G. E. Evans of Poteau.

When a report of the workshop session is available we will send you a copy.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf

August 1, 1957

Dear Ben:

Thanks for your note of a few days back. I still have a good feeling about what was accomplished during the week as a whole. I trust that you have had a chance to recover fully from the effects of the flu. Don't worry, you did do a good job in getting guys to the insitute, and by the institute and seminar sessions themselves as well as with individual participants.

I have been strapped since my return from vacation -- a real pile of things to do and no secretarial help; I had really become more dependent on Marge abilities than I had realized. This is still an unsolved office problem so that Fred and I just suffer. This has coupled with other things to mean even greater delay in getting out a seminar summary; for this I am most sorry. Marge has been far too busy with the voting materials to be of any help even on an over time basis.

The enclosed check lacks a signature, which fact was caught by my bank just as they were ready to deposit it; I thought it best to send it back through your channels. Remedial action would be most appreciated.

Manny's proposal and your evaluation of it sound interesting; let us know if you want further or different response than you have already received from Harold.

I'm still proceeding with the attempt to get the key guys concerned with merit employment together -- so far so good. Some healthy reactions and suggestions thus far. I think that it is well worth my stimulating this effort but I do not see it as a major focus for my own work; however, in those few case where there is union interest in this field, I am one of the persons naturally involved, and as I indicated I had fruitfull conversations with Jim Wolfe, Henderson , and Julius Frazer while at Fisk.

Margaret is till coming along fine; may be in Macon with her parents

within two weeks. My schedule is such here and I have had such poor luck in locating adequate houding and full-time help that we may not try to get her to Atlanta before Oct.1st.

I am now scheduled to be with the URWA summer school at Junaluska during the week of Sept. 22-28. I will be with the UAW at least Sept. 22-23. And of course I will be in Minnesota Aug. 19-24.

By rough count, of about ten summer schools in the South(excepting the boycotted Ala.) we(you, Charlie, and I) have covered all but two -- the Arkansas(they expressed regrets at not planning early enough for us) and the May ACWA school about which I know nothing except what I've read in Advance. Anyhow, not bad coverage, for which you are almost wholly responsible.

I am trying to get a copy of the GSM film, Face of the South, to Stanton Smith for him to preview for the summer schools. My guess is that he will make use of it, and it is a good idea for you and Charlie to know about it in advance.

I take it that you know that the Southern Labor Schools will not be held at Frogmore but at Daytona Beech, at the Daytona Plaza Hotel. Same dates, etc.

Pardon the multiplicity of items. My warm regards to Lib and little ones.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via

August 1, 1957

Dr. Hubert Wheeler
Commissioner of Education
Board of Education
Jefferson City, Missouri

Dear Dr. Wheeler:

This is just a note to thank you for your cooperation enlisting superintendents for possible use as consultants to the school systems in Arkansas. We chose Dr. Wilbur Adams of Carrolton.

When a report on the workshop session is available we will send you a copy.

Thanks once more for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf

August 1, 1957

Dr. Albert W. Dent
President
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Al:

First a vote of thanks for the hospitality shown at Dillard. I believe the Louisiana situation will now straighten itself out. It would be helpful if you could talk informally to Mary Raymond and Rabbi Leipziger.

I am enclosing a copy of our memorandum on the Firing Line attack on SRC.

Best personal regards,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf
Enclosure - Analysis of Firing Line Attack on SRC

C O P Y

August 2, 1957

Mr. Carey McWilliams, Editor
The Nation
333 Sixth Avenue
New York 14, New York

Dear Mr. McWilliams:

Since Mr. Fleming is on vacation, your letter of July 31, has been referred to me. Some suggested stories of North Carolina cities integrating schools this fall are Winston-Salem, Greensboro and Charlotte. Virginia is as yet an unknown quantity. However, Charlottesville and Arlington are under court order to integrate. In the eastern part of the state there is a great deal of activity in Portsmouth, and Newport News. Norfolk

One suggestion for a story in Atlanta concerns the pro-segregation group in Georgia, The Georgia State's Rights Council. This group is headed by William Bodenhamer, a Baptist Minister, member of the Board of Education, and a member of the State Legislature. This story has not generally received the amount of treatment I think its importance deserves.

Since Mr. Wakefield will not be coming until late September, you might check with us again for further developments. Also Mr. Fleming will be back in the office at that time and I am sure will be glad to talk with Mr. Wakefield if he comes to Atlanta.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

August 5, 1957

Mr. Charles A. Goodrum, Librarian
Legislative Reference Service
The Library of Congress
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Goodrum:

Since Harold Fleming is on vacation, your letter of August 1, 1957 has been referred to me.

Enclosed are three copies of the Voting Report which I hope will alleviate the shortage.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encls. (3)

August 5, 1957

Mr. Milton C. Cummings, Jr.
2014 Columbia Pike
Arlington 4, Virginia

Dear Mr. Cummings:

Your letter of August 2, 1957, to Miss Florence Irving has been referred to me. Miss Irving has returned to North Carolina to join her family firm. I am mailing you a copy of our Special Report on Voting which I hope will help you in your work. A more detailed publication is planned for the near future. The cost of this material is ten cents.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

August 5, 1957

Mr. Frank W. McCulloch
Office of Senator Douglas
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCulloch:

Thank you very much for your letter of August 3, concerning my request about reprints of the Congressional Record. The portion we would be interested in would be the portion entitled the "Southern Regional Council" in the July 26, 1957 Congressional Record which begins on page 11590, and ends just above the section entitled "Excessive Oil Imports" on page 11595. Could you quote cost for 200, 500 and 1,000 copies?

Again thanks for your interest.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

August 5, 1957

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

Since Harold Fleming is away on vacation, your letter of August 1, 1957 has been referred to me. We are mailing you, under separate cover, the eighteen copies of the June issue of NEW SOUTH which you requested.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

August 6, 1957

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

I called your house yesterday only to discover that you were out of the city. I called because I am coming up to Montreat for a meeting of the Presbyterians Thursday and Friday of this week.

I had hoped to run by Top Knot and spend part of Saturday with you. The next time I am up that way I shall try again to include your house on my itinerary.

Things are going well here at the Council even though Harold is on vacation.

Warm sincere regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:as

AIR MAIL

August 6, 1957

Ebony Magazine
Johnson Publishing Company
1820 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago 16, Illinois

Gentlemen:

You will find enclosed a copy of the Southern Regional Council Special Report, The Negro Voter in the South, which you requested by telephone today.

Please let us know if we may be of further assistance to you. You may be interested in an article which will appear in the September issue of our monthly publication, New South, which will incorporate the material included in the enclosed report with county by county listings of Negro population figures, estimates of Negroes registered, and percentile comparison of these figures.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

Enc: The Negro Voter in the South

August 7, 1957

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Directors of State Organizations

From: John Constable, Director of Information

Subj.: Films

Southern Regional Council now owns two copies of the film The Face of the South. These films plus two copies of Desegregation in Baltimore are being distributed for the Council by the Anti-Defamation League through the Atlanta office. Future inquires concerning the films should be addressed to the Anti-Defamation League, Kemper Building, 41 Exchange Place, S. E., Atlanta, Georgia

JC:lec

August 7, 1957

Mr. Nat R. Griswold, Director
The Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 South Izard
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Your letter of August 1st. was received Monday and in Harold's absence I reply.

As you stated in your letter the minutes of the Executive Committee are self explanitory. All decisions of this nature are the sole prerogative of the Boards of Directors of the various state organizations. We wish it was possible for the Arkansas Council to continue with integregated staffing but understand the financial burden involved. With you, we hope that it will be possible for the Arkansas Council to shift to high gear again if and when additional funds come through from the Brothers Fund.

Glad to see that the Arkansas Democrat has come out for the Little Rock plan for desegregation. Bit by bit we move ahead and the conversion of such a newspaper is an important step.

Best regards to you and Chris.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director

FBR/pa

August 7, 1957

Mr. Harry S. Jones, Director
The North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Harry:

Harold is out of the office so it has fallen my lot to answer your letter of August 6th.

In your letter you raise two questions. Regarding the first, about the money saved from having a part-time secretary this summer; this could be used for secretarial help or for consultant fees during the current fiscal year. Any decision for other use would have to wait Harold's return. Concerning the matter of reducing the loan, I would want to discuss this with Harold before giving any definite answer.

As to the other question, about the arrangements being made by other state organizations to handle New South subscriptions after September 30th; all of the state organization's have not indicated how they will handle this matter. Of those who have, several will include subscriptions to New South as a part of the regular membership fee. Others are putting it on a voluntary basis of $2.00 in addition to membership. New South costs us slightly more than $2.00 per subscription to produce and distribute. We could not, therefore, undertake to supply it for $1.00. No special grants for such financing are in sight.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/pa

August 7, 1958

VIA AIR MAIL

Ebony Magazine
Johnson Publishing Company
1820 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago 16, Illinois

ATTN: Mrs. Saunders

Dear Mrs. Saunders:

Enclosed is a copy of our memorandum, Negro Voter Registration in Southern States, which will provide you with the county by county registration figures you requested in your telephone conversation with Mr. Constable today. The overall estimates of totals for states listed here are about the same as other estimates listed by state officials and the press. Please note the underlined sentence on page one - a dash does not necessarily mean that there are no Negroes registered; in some instances it indicates that registration figures were not available. You will also notice a slight difference in some population figures if you compare this memo with the special report forwarded to you yesterday. This is due to a difference in source of population figures. The population data contained in the enclosed report was taken from 1950 Census Reports, while some population totals in The Negro Voter in the South were taken from The World Almanac.

I am sorry that the more comprehensive and corrected report I mentioned in my letter of August 6 is unavailable at present; however, you ~~now~~ have the raw material from which this report is being compiled.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

Enc: Corrected Memo: Negro Voter Registration in Southern States
(With Note that figures were not available in Blount, Jackson, Morgan, Tallap. Clay, + Winston Counties, Alabama —)

August 8, 1957

Mr. Charles T. Steele, Executive Director
The Louisville Urban League
608 W. Walnut Street
Louisville 3, Kentucky

Dear Charlie:

Have received your letter of August 6th announcing the Kentucky Council's Executive Committee meeting on August 14th.

I believe preventive action at this time by the progressive forces of Kentucky can stave off an attack by the pro- segregationists this fall.

Thanks for the invitation to come to the meeting. I shall make every effort to be there. I'll be seeing C. H. here in Atlanta prior to that time and we will discuss the coverage of the meeting.

With warm regards,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/pa (Signed in Mr. Routh's absence.)

P.S. Am sending five copies of "Louisville Story" separately.

August 9, 1957

Miss Peggy Ann Miller
Assistant Chief
U. S. Information Agency
New York Service Section, ICS
250 Hudson Street
New York 13, New York

Dear Miss Miller:

In reply to your letter of August 6, 1957, concerning your request for copies of NEW SOUTH, we are mailing then today under separate cover. Evidently your earlier order was misplaced. We do appreciate your interest in our publications; and if you need additional material, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

August 9, 1957

Mr. Philip L. Stone
Box 167
Mount Ayr, Iowa

Dear Mr. Stone:

Since Katherine Stoney is no longer with the Southern Regional Council, your letter of August 3, has been given to me to answer. I am mailing you some informational material concerning the Council, and I hope this will give you what you want. If we can be of additional help please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Encls.: Toward the South of the Future
History and Aims of SRC

August 9, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman, Executive Director
The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

As you know Harold Fleming is away on vacation and so I am taking the liberty of answering your two letters to him which came this morning. Thank you for the clippingsand the information concerning the teachers. Please keep us informed on further events.

The county by county compilation to which you refer gives only four basic facts and since we do not have but one copy it would be difficult to send you a copy very soon. We have tentative plans for mimeographing this material in the very near future and will see that you get a copy when it comes off the press.

I am sending you a copy of the mimeograph report on voting that we put out for which we received a great deal of publicity.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Encl.: The Negro Voter in the South

August 9, 1957

The Rev. William S. Ryan, Minister
First Christian Church
500 South Madison
Lebanon, Missouri

Dear Mr. Ryan:

In answer to your inquiry of August 6, 1957, we are enclosing with this letter a copy of the International Journal of Religious Education (Feb., 1954) article, "Race Relations Sunday, Then and Now." You will also find enclosed a copy of a short clip from the Social Action News Letter, December, 1954.

As the latter clip indicates, resource materials for total church and age group observances of Race Relations Sunday are available from:

The Department of Racial and Cultural Relations
The National Council of Churches
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Race Relations Sunday has been observed during the past three years on the second Sunday of February; the National Council of Churches will be able to tell you if a like date will be observed in 1958. I am sure that they will be happy to provide you with any further background materials you may desire.

Please call on us if we can be of further assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:lec
Encls.

August 12, 1957

Dr. and Mrs. Dilworth Lupton
404 N. Osceola Avenue
Clearwater, Florida

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Lupton:

Thank you for your note of August 8. We have changed the address for your New South subscription and are sending you back issues which you missed.

Our Florida affiliate is the Florida Council on Human Relations, 213 N. E. Second Avenue, Miami 32, Florida. I am sending your letter on to William K. Williams, the Executive Director of the Florida Council and you will, no doubt, be hearing from him shortly. He will probably give you the names of some of our members in the Clearwater area so that you may contact them.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf
cc: Mr. William K. Williams

August 12, 1957

Mr. William G. Shannon
Executive Director
Encampment for Citizenship
2 West 64th Street
New York 23, New York

Dear Bill:

I am returning your form requesting permission to list the Southern Regional Council as a cooperating agency. We are glad to be so listed for we believe that the Encampment for Citizenship is doing a splendid job of training young leadership for responsibility in a democratic society.

You asked in your letter for some names on the West Coast. I would suggest several:

Edward Howden
San Francisco Council for Civic Unity
437 Market Street
San Francisco 5, California

Dr. Helen Amerman
(Same Address)

Dr. Hilda Taba
San Francisco State Teachers' College
San Francisco, California

Miss Louise Blackhan
Civic Unity Committee
1319 Second Avenue
Seattle, Washington

Dr. Eason Monroe
Southern California Branch, ACLU
5927 Sunset Boulevard
Los Angeles, California

Michael L. Freed
Mountain States Office, ADL
220 Empire Building
Denver 2, Colorado

I will send you some more names later on.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf
Enclosure - 1.

August 12, 1957

Reverend Malcolm P. Calhoun
Board of Church Extension
Presbyterian Church in the U. S.
Division of Christian Relations
341-B Ponce De Leon Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Malcolm:

It was certainly good to participate in the Presbyterian Conference at Montreat. I only hope you think my participation was worth the cost involved. I particularly enjoyed the discussions with you and Colonel Miller.

I am enclosing an account of expenses incurred by me on this trip.

Thank you for asking me to participate. I personally got a great deal out of the conference.

Warm regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf
Enclosure - 1.

August 12, 1957

Mr. R. A. Trippeer
1055 Harbor Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

My dear Mr. Trippeer:

I was glad to have the opportunity to meet you and talk to you last Thursday morning. I hope that the next time I am in Memphis we may have a chance to pursue our conversation about the social changes which are taking place in the South.

In the light of your apparent interest in what we were discussing, I have requested that you be sent a few copies of The Louisville Story for distribution as you see fit and also a subscription to New South which I am sure you will find informative and interesting.

I am curious to know what the outcome was of the church incident which you described to me. Perhaps I will be able to get the details from Mr. Spence.

If there is any way in which the Southern Regional Council or I can be helpful to you in providing information about what is happening in other parts of the Southern region, please feel free to call upon us.

Thank you again for your time and interest.

Cordially,

C. H. Parrish
Program Associate

CHP/mf

August 12, 1957

Mr. Arthur Meyerhoff
Arthur Meyerhoff and Company
410 North Michigan
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Meyerhoff:

Please excuse the delay in sending your promised material but some of the material has just been received. Enclosed are copies of various clippings concerning the Negro market and buying power. Two typewritten tables indicate the rise in Negro income over a ten-year period. The book, The Negro and the Schools, has several good charts concerning urbanization.

Also included are some observations of a Negro disc jockey from Memphis, Tennessee and from a young Negro newspaperman in Atlanta. I talked at length with Mr. Gordon, the newspaperman, and he said that additional quotes from persons in the community are available if they are desired. We also discussed the desire for status of all minority people which we think indicates a more sophisticated approach in selling.

I have also learned that Ebony Magazine produced a movie about three years ago which concerns itself with the Negro market and Negro buying pattern. Since Ebony is located in Chicago, you might perhaps be able to obtain a copy of this film for viewing.

A comment of my own that I would like to add is that I see a great many Negro newspapers in my work and have been struck with the high quality of advertisements as appearing in them.

Coca Cola is a good example of this. They are dignified and use attractive family type models to depict their selling points.

Please feel free to write me or Mr. Fleming if you need additional material. Mr. Fleming will be back from vacation on August 19.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/mf
Enclosures

1 copy of: The Negro and the Schools by Harry S. Ashmore
Two tables indicating Negro income
"The Negro Market" - William Gordon
"The Negro Disk Jockey" - Nat Williams
Program comments by Nat Williams
Reprint from Modern Industry re: Negro Market
Assorted news clippings
Buffering advertisements for radio
Program comments by WDIA general manager

August 12, 1957

Mr. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N. E. Second Avenue
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Bill:

I am enclosing a letter we received from Dr. and Mrs. Lupton and a copy of the letter I sent them. Would you please contact them and let them know some of our local members in the Clearwater area so that they may be made to feel at home with SRC people in the sunshine state?

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf
Enclosures

August 12, 1957

Mr. J. Harvey Kerns
Executive Director
Urban League of Greater New Orleans, Inc.
504 Carondelet Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

My dear Mr. Kerns:

It was a pleasure to see you again for the first time since your visit to Louisville in 1948. The years slip by.

The specific purpose of this letter is to explore further the exciting possibilities for consultant service to the group of businessmen you spoke of at Tulane. When I got back to Louisville I put the matter before Superintendent Carmichael of the Louisville Public Schools. He manifested willingness to come to New Orleans and talk to the group provided the invitation comes from Superintendent Redmond. I hope that you and Mrs. Mervis will be able to work out something here which will be of value. Please let me know what you think the prospects are and give me more specific information about the nature of the group and the kind of activities in which they engage. I hope I may hear from you very soon on these points.

Cordially,

C. H. Parrish
Program Associate

CHP/mf

cc: Mrs. Leo Mervis

P. S. In case Superintendent Redmond does not feel disposed to invite Dr. Carmichael, it is possible to get Mr. Weldon James of the Louisville Courier Journal, co-author of The Louisville Story, who would come on invitation of the group with or without Dr. Redmond's approval.

C.H.P.

August 12, 1957

Reverend Annie Campbell
Central Congregational Church
675 Piedmont Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Reverend Campbell:

We are planning for a meeting ~~with~~ of the Fellowship of the Concerned October 28 and 29, and would like to receive the list of those from your group who are to be invited.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women' Work

MET:lec

August 12, 1957

Miss Virginia Hatcher
220 College Street
Pikeville, Kentucky

Dear Miss Hatcher:

In checking my calender I find either the first or second week in October is open. However, it would be more convenient for me if the class could be the first week beginning Tuesday October 1.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

August 12, 1957

Mr. Irving M. Engel, President
American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Engel:

Your letter of August 8, has been received. I have been away from the office for several days hence the delay in replying. I will be more than delighted to write the review for the section on Citizenship Rights. I am delighted that there will be some recognition of the 10th anniversary of the Committee on Civil Rights.

Thanks very much.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

August 12, 1957

The A. N. Marquis Company
Marquis Publications Building
Chicago 11, Illinois

Gentlemen:

I am deeply appreciative of the honor of being listed in Who's Who and regret the delay in filling out the questionnaire.

The South has many problems now and I have been home only a few days this summer as I have been to South Carolina, Tennessee, and Kentucky, working with church groups as they seek to find a way for the South to accept the Supreme Court decision on integration in schools.

I hope I am not too late in returning this to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encls.

August 12, 1957

Mr. Nat R. Griswold, Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 South Izard
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

In answer to your letter concerning the Face Of The South, the film is being distributed by Motion Picture Laboratories, Inc., 1672 Union Avenue, Memphis 4, Tennessee rather than by the Presbyterians themselves. Therefore we do not receive any reduction in price. The price is $125.14 and this includes reel, mailing package, and postage.

I hope you can find some good angel to buy a copy because the two that we have turned over to the ADL are very much in demand.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

August 12, 1957

Mr. Reed Sarratt, Executive Editor
Journal and Sentinel
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Sarratt:

Since Harold Fleming is on vacation your letter of August 8, has been referred to me. I am sorry you did not receive a copy of our Special Report, but I do believe the one we mailed was addressed to you. However, I am mailing you another copy. We appreciate the clipping from the Winston-Salem paper.

Also we here at the Council appreciate the fine work you have done personally and through the Winston-Salem papers in support of the programs taken by Winston-Salem, Charlotte, and Greensboro. My sister, who resides in Winston-Salem sends me pertinent clippings from the local papers and so we are kept abreast of the fine work being done there.

Again thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Encl.: The Negro Voter In The South

August 12, 1957

Mrs. Annie Tait Jenkins
Presbyterian Board
341 Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Annie Tait:

We are planning for a meeting ~~of~~ of the Fellowship of the Concerned October 28 and 29, and would like to receive the list of those from your group who are to be invited.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

August 12, 1957

Mrs. Candler Tatum
2422 - 15th Avenue, South
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Noreen:

You and Mari Laine have been continuously in my thoughts since I came home. However, I have been home only once in a while as I have been in other schools, hence the delay in writing you. I know you must have needed rest after that school and after running a taxi for me. I do not know what the school or I would have done if you had not given so much time to me. I am deeply grateful and regretful that it was necessary.

I thoroughly enjoyed being with Mari Laine and the puppy.

With love and best wishes for a heart full of thanks to you, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

August 13, 1957

Dr. J. W. Haywood
Department of Conservation
The Supreme Camp of the American Woodmen
Downing Street at East Twenty-First Avenue
Denver 5, Colorado

Dear Dr. Haywood:

Your letter of August 8, has been forwarded to me from Gammon. It was most gracious to think of me and write me the note of encouragement that you did. We are having difficult times in the South now but through it all there are rays of hope. I do feel as we are the Bible belt we will come to translate what we read in the Holy Writ into daily action. It is really stirring and thrilling times and I am glad to live in it and have a part in it.

Deeply grateful to you for your letter, I remain,

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

August 14, 1957

Mr. Paul Szasz
721 Kenwood Parkway
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Paul:

Enclosed is a copy of our preliminary voting study which I promised you. It has caused quite a flurry across the nation since it was used by some senators in the civil rights debate.

Emory was sorry that he missed you the day you were by the office.

I hope things go well with you in your plans for future study, and I am sorry that I didn't get to know you better before you left Atlanta. Please send me your address when you reach Germany and I will try to drop you a line from time to time to keep you abreast of things on the southern front.

With very best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Encl.: (The Negro Voter In The South)

August 14, 1957

Dr. W. A. Smart
1245 Clifton Road, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Smart:

It has been a long time since I have asked a favor of you and I have a most important one now to request of you. For years I have gathered together the leaders of the Women's Church Groups of both races and three faiths. We call ourselves the Fellowship of the Concerned - "Southern Women Concerned About Their South." We are to come together here in Atlanta October 28 and 29. I hope you will find it possible to be with us to give us some messages that will strengthen our faith and courage.

Please let me know if you are available on these dates and later I will give you full details. About all I can say now is we will want three messages. One each for the three sessions. I would appreciate it if you would let me hear from you at an early date.

I wish I knew how to tell you how much you have meant to me through the years, and I do want others to have the benefit of your guidance.

Best of wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

August 14, 1957

Mr. Ernst Linde
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Linde:

In the absence of Harold Fleming who is on vacation, your letter of August 13 has been referred to me. As we indicated in our wire of this date, we will be happy to be of assistance to Mr. Fonteneau on his visit to Atlanta.

Of the two clergymen you mentioned, the Reverend John McShane is no longer a resident of Atlanta. Father Harold Rainey will be happy to meet Mr. Fonteneau and is now attempting to find a second clergyman to join him in the meeting. We will arrange a definite time prior to August 18.

In all probability Mr. Fleming will be in town on the dates of Mr. Fonteneau's visit. If not, we will see that another senior staff member do whatever is possible.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

Blind copies sent to: John Hope, II
Nat Griswold

August 15, 1957

Dr. W. L. Adams
Superintendent
The Board of Education
The Carrollton Public Schools
Carrollton, Missouri

Dear Dr. Adams:

We have had good reports on the Arkansas School Administrators' Conference on Desegregation. We have had good reports on your part in that conference. I believe you have made a real contribution to the furtherance of peaceful transition for a democratic society in Arkansas.

We are enclosing here our check for $120.39 which covers both travel costs and consultant fee for the conference.

Our sincere thanks to you for coming on such short notice and doing so fine a job.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf
cc: Dr. Hubert Wheeler
Commissioner - Board of Education

PS- Would you please send us a brief evaluation of the conference?

Blind Copies sent to: John Hope, II
Nat Griswold

August 15, 1957

Dr. G. E. Evans, Superintendent
Poteau Public Schools
Poteau, Oklahoma

Dear Dr. Evans:

First, let me take this opportunity to thank you for your contribution to the Arkansas School Administrators' Conference on Desegregation. We have had good reports on the conference and your participation in it. We believe you made a real contribution to peaceful social transition in Arkansas. We do think highly of Nat Griswold and appreciate your words of kindness about him.

I am enclosing our check in the amount of $75.34 which covers consultant fee and travel expenses incurred by you for this conference.

Your offer to further assist the local superintendents in Arkansas will mean a great deal to them. The old saw, "nothing succeeds like success" will influence them in following your lead. We live in challenging times and it is good to know a person such as you who is willing to meet the challenge.

With sincere appreciation for your leadership role in the conference, I am

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf
cc: Dr. E. H. McDonald
Enclosure - 1 check

P.S. Would you please send us a brief evaluation of the conference?

August 15, 1957

Miss Georgene B. Lovecky
Program Secretary
Whitney Visiting Professors
John Hay Whitney Foundation
630 Fifth Avenue
New York 20, New York

Dear Miss Lovecky:

I regret that I did not see you when I was in New York two or three months ago, because you always give me added courage to do the things I feel I must do.

It is about time for me to make an application for funds and I would appreciate it if you would let me know who took Dr. Johnson's place, that I may send in an application.

With the hope that again there will be funds available for us to gather the women together again, it is through this means we have been able to keep ~~communities~~ communications open that otherwise would be closed.

Deeply appreciative of your interest and hoping that you can be with us on the dates of October 28 and 29, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

August 15, 1957

Mr. Wade M. Mackie, Director
Merit Employment Program
American Friends Service Committee
1608 Government Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Mackie:

I presume the film to which you refer is "The Face of the South." Two copies of this film are now available on a rental basis through the Anti-Defamation League, Kemper Building, 41 Exchange Place, S. E., Atlanta, Georgia. I believe the rental fee is one dollar and a half but any further correspondence concerning the film should be addressed to the above organization.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

August 15, 1957

Mr. Will D. Campbell
National Council of Churches
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

I am sending you this copy of "Religious Bodies and the Supreme Court Decision" which was compiled by our local affiliate in Birmingham. We are moving toward the publication of this material and have very few of the mimeographed version. We are not in a position to supply them at this time or in this form. But I thought this might be helpful to you.

Hope you answered little Jimmy Davis' nasty remarks. During the Democratic Convention of 1956 when his name was placed in nomination by Marvin Griffin, a parade marched about the floor with rebel flags with signs which read: "Lord Save Us With Jim Davis." After the nomination of Adlai Stevenson when the big parade to the Convention Hall was held, this sign marched along with others but it had been edited. It now read: "Lord Save Us From Jim Davis."

With the good work you are doing in Nashville it may be said the Lord moves in mysterious ways. See you later dad.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf
Enclosure - 1

August 15, 1957

Mr. L. D. Milton
President
The Citizens Trust Company
212 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Milton:

Thank you for your courteous and prompt service in securing for the Southern Regional Council the Treasury Bills we requested.

Enclosed with this letter is our check in the amount of $9,911.60 in payment for the Bills. Would you please hold this allotment of Treasury Bills in safe keeping in the usual way and send us your receipt therefor.

With sincere appreciation for your service to us, I remain

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf
Enclosure - 1 Check

August 15, 1957

Mr. John Spence
The Press Scimitar
Memphis, Tennessee

My dear Mr. Spence:

I find myself very much in your debt for the contacts you made for me during my visit last week to Memphis. After our visit to Mr. Trippeer I had a long conference with Mr. Ahlgren. The next time I am in Memphis, I will tell you about it.

As you suggested, I have sent three copies of The Louisville Story to Mr. Trippeer and a year's subscription to New South. I am more than convinced that as people of influence come to define the desegregation issue more broadly, they will take appropriate steps to move their communities toward compliance with the Supreme Court decision.

Under separate cover, I am sending you certain documents which may prove helpful in clearing up some of the obscurities and distortions which have arisen - both with respect to conditions in the South and the role of the Southern Regional Council. If there are any other matters in which you are interested and for which we may have available data, let me know and I will try to run them down for you.

I am curious to learn the outcome of the church incident and also whether or not the executive strip was approved. If you have any recent information on either of these matters, please satisfy my curiosity.

I would like to thank you again for the real help you gave me.

Cordially,

C. H. Parrish
Program Associate

CHP/mf

August 15, 1957

Mr. Mayer V. Newfield
626 First National Building
Birmingham, Alabama

My dear Mr. Newfield:

At your suggestion I called on Mr. Emile Hess. Our conversation was interesting and provocative. Since I left Birmingham I have been mulling over in my mind the possibility of arranging a small, unpublicized, and off-the-record conference of Birmingham businessmen to which someone like Superintendent Carmichael or Mr. Welton James might come and subject themselves to the kinds of questions which are in their minds about the problems of desegregation in a large city. If you think this idea has merit and that six to ten interested persons could be assembled, I would undertake to arrange a visit. There is one proviso, however. If Mr. Carmichael comes his visit, however quiet, must have the approval of the Birmingham Superintendent of Schools. Of course, it would be understood that no other persons would be present at such a meeting except as determined by the wishes of the group which extended the invitation.

Let me know what you think about this and if there is any chance of this idea materializing, I would be willing to make another trip to Birmingham to talk to you about it.

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the semi-annual report of the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely yours,

C. H. Parrish
Program Associate

CHP/mf

August 15, 1957

Mr. Samuel Myar, Jr.
1224 Commerce Title Building
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Myar:

Thank you so much for the helpful suggestion which you gave me when I was in Memphis last week.

Under separate cover, I am sending some materials to you which you may find interesting.

Sincerely yours,

C. H. Parrish
Program Associate

CHP/mf

August 15, 1957

Mr. Lewis H. Deer
The United Christian Missionary Society
Disciples of Christ
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Lewis:

Many thanks for your letter of August 14 with the kind words about my participation in the Multiracial Institute at Butler. I am pleased that you thought I helped by summarizing the Southern situation and pointing out the chinks in the would-be solid wall of segregation. I was only too happy to talk with the student workers' group at your home that evening. I regretted that I had to leave so soon.

Thanks for the bulletin from TCU. It is heartening to know that the majority of the sixty-two persons enrolled in the Multiracial Institute there were Texas disciple preachers. I was sure that Jack Marion would do a good job and I am pleased that they were happy with him. Gordon Lovejoy, whom I have known for some ten years, is a mighty potent speaker and does his best work at a brief workshop such as this. President Sadler is not unlike many another status person. Once they find that this sort of thing is "safe" and even enhancing, they are quick to adopt it as their own.

Thanks for the list of people in the Knoxville area. I will pass their names on to our state affiliate in Tennessee and to Galen Martin, our former Kentucky director who is now the director of a Unitarian service committee special project in Knoxville.

When Mrs. Wyker gets to Nashville there are some people she should stop to see:

(1) Will D. Campbell
National Council of Churches
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

(2) Dr. A. C. Miller
Executive Secretary
The Christian Life Commission of the
Southern Baptist Convention
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

(3) Mrs. Bonita Valien
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

(4) Dr. Herman Long
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

(5) Mr. John Hope, II
Industrial Relations
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

(6) Mrs. James M. Todd, Chairman
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2005 Grand Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Your future schedule sounds very busy but I will hope to see you at the Washington meeting of the CCD.

Best regards to you, your family and Walter Sikes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf

August 16, 1957

Mr. Bill Baggs, Editor
MIAMI DAILY NEWS
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill,

CONGRATULATIONS on a well deserved promotion. I am always amazed when quality gets recognized particularly when the quality is young.

I'll bet Mike Ross, the shaggy one, is pleased with this development. He, like many others of intellectual integrity and ability,holds in high regard your ability and integrity.

Newspapers have a special role in a democratic society; they must not only report the news honestly but they should help the citizenry understand the significance of the events which are shaping their future. Under your leadership I am confident that the Miami Daily News will be a constructive influence in South Florida.

In this new undertaking I wish you every success.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/s

August 17, 1957

Mr. Bob Hughes
Room 1218 Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Enclosed are the clippings you sent me which were to be returned. I did not forget them, but I wanted to be sure that we had copies for Harold. The clippings have been duplicated by ones sent through Emory Jackson.

With sincere best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fc
Encl.

August 17, 1957

Mr. Bob Hughes
Room 1218 Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

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With sincere best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fc
Encl.

August 19, 1957

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

Here is the copy of the Congressional Record Harold promised you. I am sorry that it is so late getting to you, but we had quite a bit of difficulty in getting it. When you have finished, will you please return it as it is one of the few copies we have.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/mf
Enclosure - Congressional Record, Vol. 103, No. 133
Friday, July 26, 1957

August 20, 1957

Mrs. Lila Kennedy
81 Peachtree Place, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Kennedy:

This is to confirm our phone conversation of this morning concerning the Atlanta visit of Mr. Ijaz Husain.

Mr. Husain, a guest of the State Department, will arrive in Atlanta on Sunday evening, September 22. He will leave early Wednesday morning, September 25. Prior to this he will have visited Boston, Niagara Falls, Detroit, Chicago, Leveanworth, Kansas City, Denver, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Grand Canyon, Santa Fe, Dallas, and New Orleans.

We will, of course, make arrangements concerning Mr. Husain's interest in legal, political, and race relations affairs. However, as the enclosed biographical sketch will show, Mr. Husain also has considerable interest in cultural activities, and we will greatly appreciate your help in this area. The suggested activities mentioned by you this morning sound excellent. Particularly valuable, I believe, would be the informal evening meeting.

I will contact you within the next several weeks and at that time perhaps we can arrange a tentative schedule of events.

Again, please know our appreciation for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

August 20, 1957

Mrs. James M. Todd
1489 Clairmont Place
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mollie:

Inexcusably your letter concerning the amount of money due Mrs. Valien was mislaid and has just been found. So we share with you the delay in paying Bonita that which is her just due.

The statement you enclosed specifies $836.26 for consultant service but no mention is made of the coordinating function. We would like a cleared total of what is due Mrs. Valien so that it may be paid in one check and not sent out in drip-drabs. If, on the other hand, Mrs. Valien wants to, as you say, forget the whole thing we would like an official statement from her for our records.

Upon receipt of the requested material we will send Mrs. Valien a check. I assume you have talked this over with Dr. Miller and other members of the Executive Committee.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf

August 20, 1957

Mrs. Nancy Buttermark
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Buttermark:

In reference to Mr. Linde's letter of August 15th, we will be happy to meet with Dr. Grab and Mr. Husain on their visits to Atlanta. With both gentlemen we will see that they have an opportunity to talk at length with Council staff members. In addition, we will attempt to arrange meetings with appropriate individuals in the area.

It will be possible to have Dr. Grab meet with members of the Negro press and visit the offices of the Atlanta Daily World.

With Mr. Husain, we will concentrate on Southern race relations and the progress which has been made. We have contacted Miss Lila Kennedy, at Mr. Linde's suggestion, and she has agreed to see that Mr. Husain has ample opportunity to learn of the cultural activities of the area.

Since both gentlemen arrive late in the evening it would perhaps be best if you suggested that they contact this office on the following morning. I will not be in the office during the period of Mr. Husain's visit. However, other staff members will expect him and take care of the arrangements of his visit.

Mr. Fonteneau and Mr. Gauclair are now in Atlanta and are having, I believe, a profitable visit. It has been a pleasure to work with them.

If we can be of further help please let us know.

Sincerely,

PA/mf

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

Original ltr. & Central Office copy in hands of HCF.

August 20, 1957

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Moore Building
Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Thanks for your letter and enclosures of August 12. It is very helpful to us to have the letters from the probate judges in the disputed counties of Alabama.

You are exactly right that our report failed to distinguish between no-report and no-registration counties in Alabama. This was one of those slips that occur in large scale fact-finding projects involving too many cooks. Our chagrin makes us appreciate all the more your words of praise.

I like your idea of proposing that the state groups make constructive use of the county-by-county figures. I will discuss the idea of a newsletter with Fred.

I was terribly sorry to read in your latest bulletin that the Alabama Council is going to lose your services in January. I can readily understand your reasons for feeling that this is the right time to take the next step, but your going will be a great loss to this whole movement.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

August 20, 1957

Mr. Lewis Jones
Rural Life Council
Tuskegee Institute
P. O. Box 67
Tuskegee, Alabama

Dear Lewis:

I have just talked with Dr. Robert Shanley at Oglethorpe University and the prospect of your working out something with him looks very promising. He is completing his summer teaching stint this week and will be free for the ensuing month. He was very much interested in what I could tell him of the project and will be looking forward to hearing from you further about it.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

August 20, 1957

Mr. B. Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
Box 1307
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

Thanks for your suggestion about the forthcoming Washington conference. I agree with you wholeheartedly that we need to get the facts on the table as a basis for our deliberations, and I will try to arrange for an appropriate summary presentation of that kind. I had a long talk with Arnie Aronson yesterday about the general plan of the meeting. Our Southern group will meet by itself on the morning of the first day, after which the sessions will include both Confederates and Yankees. It seems to me that we might well point our morning session toward those considerations that we think ought to be dealt with by the national agency leadership.

I will be looking forward to seeing you in Washington if not before.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

August 20, 1957

The Reverend Patrick O'Donnell
Editor, GLENMARY'S CHALLENGE
Glendale, Ohio

Dear Father O'Donnell:

I am replying to your letter of August 8 since Dr. Mitchell retired last January as director of the Council and is presently living in Scotland. This was the realization of a long cherished plan of Dr. Mitchell's, though distressing to his many friends.

If you would like others of us on the staff to offer answers to the questions you have posed, let me know and we will do our best.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

August 20, 1957

Miss Georgene B. Lovecky
Program Secretary
Whitney Visiting Professors
John Hay Whitney Foundation
630 Fifth Avenue
New York 20, New York

Dear Miss Lovecky:

Thanks for your letter of August 8 and your kind comment on the Council's semi-annual report.

I am very happy that you mentioned the Southern Regional Council to Dr. Brown as a possible resource. We will be delighted to give him any assistance we can in the development of his program.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

August 20, 1957

Mr. Harry S. Jones, Director
The North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

This is to supplement Fred's reply to your letter of August 6.

We are perfectly agreeable to crediting the amount you are saving on the secretarial services against the $350.00 loan. I suggest that you let us know when you propose to go back to a full-time secretary, so that we can compute the amount saved up to that time and accredit it against the $350.00.

Like Fred, I wish we could allow a reduced subscription fee for New South. But as of now we simply don't have the means to do so. If such possibility develops later on, you can be sure we will take proper advantage of it.

I haven't yet heard from all the states about their decision on New South. I will suggest to Fred that he get out a memorandum soon summarizing the arrangments that have been elected.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

August 20, 1957

Dr. Herman H. Long, Director
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Herman:

Your kind letter about my participation in this year's Institute and your check for travel expenses and the handsome honorarium came while I was on vacation. I deeply appreciate them both.

I have heard nothing but praise of the Institute. You and the other staff members have every reason to feel proud of your accomplishment.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

August 20, 1957

Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg
Courier Journal, WHAS
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Dorcas:

I have just returned from vacation to find, to my dismay, that our machinery broke down in some inexplicable way and you failed to receive word of the Executive Committee's action on your request for the coming fiscal year. I am terribly sorry about this lapse.

Enclosed is the letter you should have received about a month ago. I do hope that the amount allocated will enable the Kentucky Council to carry on its fine work. We only wish the amount could have been larger.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1
cc: Mr. Hugh Brimm

Once the terms of the grant are satisfactorily worked out, the following conditions, as set by the Executive Committee, will apply:

(1) The grant will be distributed on a quarterly basis effective October 1, 1957.

(2) Succeeding quarterly distribution will be contingent on adequacy of performance, in terms of the agreement under which the grant is made. To this end, you will be requested to submit brief quarterly progress reports on program activities and fund-raising.

(3) The grant-in-aid is not earmarked for any specific expense, but may be applied against the total budgetary needs of the organization.

(4) Since the grant is not earmarked, and since our affiliate relationship expires on October 1st, your organization will handle its own payroll, including the withholding of income taxes and social security after that date.

(5) As has been true during the subsidy period, these funds are granted on the condition that your organization not engage in political activity or other activity inconsistent with tax-exempt status.

We shall look forward to receiving your revised proposal and to a mutually sustaining relationship in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. Hugh Brimm

August 20, 1957

Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg
Courier Journal, WHAS
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Dorcas:

I am pleased to inform you that our Executive Committee, at its meeting just concluded, approved a grant-in-aid to the Kentucky Council on Human Relations for the fiscal year 1957-58, in the amount of $3,000. Final approval of this sum is contingent on a mutually satisfactory agreement as to the matters discussed below.

The Executive Committee regretted that it was unable to grant an amount as large as that requested. As you know, the total available was $40,000, and eleven state organizations had to be considered.

This means that the average figure is about $3,600. The fact that the amount allocated to Kentucky is slightly below the average does not in the least indicate any lack of regard for the effectiveness and leadership shown by the Kentucky Council. On the contrary, it was felt that the much more favorable climate in Kentucky and the quality of leadership of the Kentucky Council should make it possible for your organization to obtain somewhat more local support for its activities.

Obviously, in view of the curtailed amount granted, it will be necessary for your program and budget to be reconsidered. Will you advise us at your earliest opportunity what modifications the Arkansas Council feels it must make in the proposal as submitted?

August 21, 1957

Miss Ilse Bialek
23 Wildeshausen
Zuschlagweg 70, Germany

Dear Miss Bialek:

Thank you for your card of July 24, concerning material on the Southern Regional Council. I am mailing you, under separate cover, some material published by the Council which might help you in preparing your paper. Also enclosed in the packet is material concerning our organization which might interest you.

If we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

August 21, 1957

Mr. Leon E. Aylsworth
1840 So. 23 Street
Lincoln 2, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Aylsworth:

Thank you very much for your letter of August 18, and your subscription to New South. We also very much appreciate your kind words concerning our work. I am mailing you, under separate cover, copies of some of the material we published which may help you answer your questions. Integration North and South will give you a list of some Negroes who have been elected to office in the South. You may know of the example here in Atlanta of Dr. Rufus Clement, President of Atlanta University, who has twice been elected to the Board of Education. Dr. Clement was elected through the vote of Atlanta at large.

I am sending you our Special Report on Voting and three other Special Reports. The cost of this material is seventy cents which may be sent in coin or stamps.

Again thanks very much for your thoughts. With very best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

August 21, 1957

Mr. James McCain
Associate Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Jim:

We were very sorry to hear that the South Carolina Council is going to lose your services on October 1. Fred and I are very conscious of the fact that you are looking for other employment as of that time and we will advise you at once of any opportunities that come to our attention. Have you heard from any of the agencies which have already queried us about you?

I need some further help from you on the voting survey. As I am sure you know, our findings have been bitterly attacked in the U. S. Senate and in the public press. Senator Olin Johnston was the leader of the attack in the Senate. I am enclosing a copy of the newspaper story which quotes registrars in several South Carolina counties as denying the accuracy of our report on them. Could you check further on these counties and let me know as early as possible whether we were on firm ground with our original findings or whether there is merit to the denial made by the local officials. This controversy is likely to go on for some time and it is highly important for us to know as much as possible about the disputed situations. If we have made mistakes, they have been honestly made and we should not hesitate, if necessary, to correct them. Your prompt help on this will be much appreciated. If it is necessary for you to incur extra

travel or telephone expenses in order to check these counties, let me know and we will reimburse you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. News and Courier Article - dated 8/8/57

Article taken from:

THE NEWS AND COURIER
August 8, 1957

2 S. C. BOARDS DENY NEGROES DEPRIVED OF VOTING RIGHTS

By

Robert McHugh

COLUMBIA, Aug. 7 (AP) - Members of voter registration boards in two South Carolina counties have taken issue with a Southern Regional Council report which charges that Negroes in some sections of South Carolina are deprived of voting rights.

The Council, with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., cites its aim as "equal opportunity for all." It is composed of white and Negro members.

The organization recently published reports of a 1956 survey which showed that Negro voter registration increased in a four-year period in each of 11 Southern states except Mississippi.

The south-wide gain since 1952 was put at 229,000 to a total of 1,238,000. The gain in South Carolina was estimated at 19,890 to 99,890.

Secretary of State O. Frank Thornton says, however, it is "impossible to tell how many Negroes are registered in this state."

He points out that the new registration period, which will take effect in the June primaries, will provide the answer since the application blanks carry a race designation. At present, race records are not kept.

The council charged that the "prevalence of discriminatory tactics" in some South Carolina counties is "quite evident."

It reported that in Calhoun County, no Negroes are registered. "Any Negro who tries to get a registration certificate is called a smart Negro and sooner or later leaves the community."

The quote used by the council was attributed to an unnamed "field consultant."

J. B. Morris, of the Calhoun County voter registration board, said about 50 Negroes are registered in the county. He said, "nothing is done to discourage them from registering as long as they meet the requirements."

REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for all voters are that they should be at least 21-years-old, have citizenship, two years of residence in the state and the ability to read and write any section of the state constitution or receipts for taxes paid on real property assessed at $300 or more.

The council said there were 10,499 Negroes in the county compared to 4,304 whites. It is a rural area where many of the Negroes are sharecroppers.

RURAL AREAS

McCormick County, another rural area, was also singled out in the report. The council said, "all Negroes who had registration certificates in 1948 had their names purged from the voting list."

But a member of the McCormick board, Mrs. Mamie Crawford, said, "No Negro has tried to register as long as I have been on the board and none were registered in 1948."

Mrs. Crawford said her service on the board dates to 1949, but her father served prior to that and she recalls him saying that none had ever tried to register.

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August 21, 1957

Mr. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N. E. 2nd Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

This is to acknowledge your good letter of August 14 setting forth the revised budget of the Florida Council. This adjustment seems to us a sound one, and we may consider the SRC's allocation for the coming fiscal year as final on that basis.

I take it from your last newsletter that the Florida Council plans to continue the present arrangement as to New South. I would appreciate, at your earliest convenience, formal notification of whatever decision was made.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

cc: Mr. Caxton Doggett

August 21, 1957

Mr. J. R. Larkins
Consultant
Department of Public Welfare
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Larkins:

I greatly appreciated your kind letter of August 14. It is good to know that the Council's material is getting wide use in North Carolina.

It would be most worthwhile if our annual meeting devoted some discussion to your point about the need for broad program emphasis. This year we will not have so many organizational problems before us and we expect to allow ample time for discussion of program and policy.

We will be looking forward to a visit from you the next time you are in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

August 21, 1957

Mr. Nat R. Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 South Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

This is to acknowledge with thanks your report on the consultation. You deserve great commendation for carrying through the difficult assignment so effectively. Whatever the immediate outcome, I have no doubt that your special efforts this summer will pay off handsomely in the end. I will be looking forward to further word on your progress.

We will, of course, regard your report as completely confidential, and similarly any appraisal of the consultants which you may send us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

August 21, 1957

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

This is to acknowledge your letters which arrived while I was away.

I am enclosing a copy of the county-by-county census data which Howard McClain mentioned to you. This information was compiled on 3 x 5 cards for our use in the course of the voting study. We haven't actually done anything with it in report form. I am glad you feel that it will be useful to you.

Marion Wright has advanced ~~the~~ a suggestion with which you may be able to help us. He observes that he was at one time appointed by a South Carolina governor as a member of the South Carolina Library Board and at one time as a member of the South Carolina Commission on Adult Education. It is entirely possible that these appointments may have been made by Governor Olin D. Johnston and/or Governor J. Strom Thurmond. The appointments would have been made some 12 - 20 years ago. Presumably the secretary of the State of South Carolina would have a record of these appointments. Marion Wright suggests, "It occurs to me that it might be well to ask Mrs. Spearman if she could make some quiet investigation and get the facts as to the dates of the appointments and by whom made." Is this feasible and would you be willing to undertake it?

We have received from Courtney Siceloff the latest word as to the South Carolina Council's plans. I shall look forward to hearing the final arrangments that are worked out.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. County-by-County Census Data

August 21, 1957

Miss Irene Osborne
American Friends Service Committee
Twenty South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Irene:

Thanks for sending me a copy of your letter to the Saturday Evening Post. It was admirably done and should, I think, lay the ground work for further negotiation with the editors. This may be a fairly long range effort, but it is well worthwhile. I will be thinking about ways in whihh I can reinforce your representations. It may well be that I can arrange an interview with somebody on the magazine on one of my trips North.

Meanwhile, I will appreciate your keeping me posted on any reactions which you receive.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

August 21, 1957

Mr. Nat R. Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 South Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

This is to add to Fred's acknowledgment of your letter of August 1 reporting the actions of the Executive Committee of the Arkansas Council.

We share your regret that the Arkansas Council is going to lose the services of Chris Mercer, though we can readily understand the financial considerations that make this necessary. Let us hope that the Rockefeller Brothers Fund will come through in handsome fashion and that the Arkansas Council will be able to resume operation on a larger scale. Meanwhile, you may consider this as formal acceptance of the revised budget contained in the minutes of your Executive Committee meeting of July 30, 1957.

I don't believe we have had any formal notification from you as to the arrangement for New South, after October 1, elected by the Arkansas Council. I shall look forward to further word from you on this point.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. C. S. Cartwright

August 21, 1957

Miss Mary Alice Baldinger
Executive Director
National Civil Liberties Clearing House
1637 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mary Alice:

I am afraid that the minimum amout of $25.00 is the best we can do, and I am enclosing check in that amount. I wish it could be more, but perhaps this small sum from the poverty stricken South will stir the consciences of some of our wealthy Northern cousins.

As to the state organizations which George Mitchell suggested that you add to your mailing list: they are autonomous organizations and as of October 1st will be completely independent of the Southern Regional Council. While they are hard pressed financially, you might want to send each one of them a letter similar to the one which you wrote me.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 check

August 21, 1957

Mr. W. D. Workman, Jr.
915 Beltline Boulevard
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Workman:

We have done no comprehensive roundup of desegregation developments since the survey that was reported in "Integration North and South." However, we are able to up-date developments in several fields, and I am enclosing several summaries which do so.

It occurs to me that you may not have a copy of our booklet "Changing Patterns in the New South," compiled several years ago. While its contents are not entirely pertinent to your request, it strikes me that the booklet may help you background some of the more recent developments. I am sending you a copy separately.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

21 August '57

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I delayed writing you until I was certain that you would be back from vacation. I met Father Cronin and we had a long and profitable talk. He was most interested in what posture our "friend" should assume if he comes South. The good Father is a man of keen insight and we had a spirited conversation.

Since that meeting I have sent him a considerable quantity of material of quality. He has written saying that he is in the process of reading it and will summarize much of it and pass it on; that some articles might be referred directly.

One point which I suggested which caught his fancy was that "visits" be made in the Mid-West, the far West and the North East as well as the South. No claim of being singled-out would be valid if such a procedure were followed.

The good Father spoke glowingly of you.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/s

21 August '57

Mr. James T. Mc Cain
317 Bartlette Street
Sumter, S. Carolina

Dear Jim:

Yes, we had heard of the decision of the South Carolina Council --and heard it with regret. Your service with them has been a real contribution to the furtherance of a democratic society in the Palmetto State. Your contribution is afr more widely understood and appreciated than you know.

Harold and I have been conscious of your need for a new position in the field and have been in correspondence with several agencies. In each case we have plugged for a full time, professional position. You are too experienced and too valuable to place in an apprenticeship.

Please keep in touch with us; anything we can do to help we will be glad to do. It goes without saying that we have respected your professional ability and personal dedication to the field of human relations.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

August 21, 1957

Publicity Director
"Simply Heavenly"
Playhouse
137 W. 48th Street
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

Mr. Paul Anthony, the Administrative Assistant of the Southern Regional Council, will be in New York City September 25, 26, 27, 1957; and he is interested in securing two tickets to "Simply Heavenly" for one of these evenings.

I wonder if you would reserve two seats for Mr. Anthony for one of these evenings and bill him for cost. We would appreciate any consideration.

Enclosed is a copy of our monthly publication for your interest.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

August 21, 1957

Dr. Willis A. Sutton
% Sociology Department
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Willis:

Thanks for your letter of August 20th with the detailed report on the conference in Arkansas. We found the report most informative for it helped spell-out some of the items reported by Nat Griswold. I have asked each of the Superintendents who participated to write brief reports too.

We were sorry to hear about the plane trouble, but as the "Old Wanderer" of SRC I wasnt surprised. I've had the same thing happen a half-dozen times in the past three years. At first I was highly disturbed about it; more recently I have become philosophical about such misadventures. It was good of you to drive to Knoxville and make the trip from there. Had you called, I would have advised, "Go West, young man !" So you did just right.

I am sending along our check for $60.58; of which $52.50 is consultant fee and the remainder ($8.08) is the amount due for travel expenses beyond the $100 advance.

Nat called yesterday to say that the Arkansas State Police might want a consultant-specialist for a one day institute. We thought of Col.McCandless of the Southern Police Institute, Louisville, but have not moved til Nat gets more definite word.

Thanks for doing a good job at Winrock; that's an important contact and Nat feels good about your part in helping Mr. Hudson understand the workings of SRC and the Arkansas Council.

Sorry Dot's father is worse; one always feels so helpless in dealing with terminal cases--particularly when its someone you care for.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh

Daily file -

August 22, 1957

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Vigo:

Your letter of August 16th, addressed to John Constable, was turned over to me. (I've progressed, since I saw you last at the State Staff Conference, to Research Assistant.) Unfortunately, there have been no recent surveys of the employment of Negro policemen and firemen in Southern cities, and the only material we have available to send you is that compiled from newspaper sources - which may very well be incomplete data - and earlier SRC reports and publications.

In regard to the employment of policemen, Integration North and South states on page 72, paragraph 2, that the number of Negro law enforcement officers in the South increased between 1945 and 1954 to a total of 143 cities and 22 counties employing 822. During the period covered by Integration North and South, May, 1954 to May, 1956, an additional 7 policemen were hired (there were also several promotions to sergeant, and 32 Negro graduates from the Central Police Training School in Richmond). I am enclosing a list of appointments from May, 1956 to the present time, gathered from our newsclip files, which indicates the appointment of 7 Negroes to police forces in various cities and the appointment of one deputy sheriff. This covers the period since the publication of Integration North and South and brings the total number employed to 873, as of the present date.

Information resulting from our last survey of Negro firemen employed in the South was published in the August, 1952 New South. This article contained a table showing a total employment of 108 (enclosed). The Employment section of Integration North and South lists an additional 168 employed (except in the case of Baltimore) between May, 1954 and May, 1956. I find no news

articles mentioning employment of Negro firemen between August, 1952 and May, 1954, or from May, 1956 to the present. Therefore, the total number employed would now be approximately 276.

I don't feel that the newsclips give the complete information you must need. The employment of Negro policemen and firemen is a fairly common occurance now, and not so newsworthy. The figures listed above are in all probability an underestimate. I hope, however, that they will be of some use to you. We are looking forward to receiving the results of your survey in Louisiana.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bl

Enclosures: Negro policemen employed since May, 1956
Negro Firemen in the South list, August, 1952 New South

Negro Firemen in the South

August, 1952, New South--Vol. 7, No. 8

City	Employed Since	Officers	Other	Total
Charleston, S.C.	1865	2	18	20
Clover, S.C.*	1950	-	1	1
Knoxville, Tenn.	1952	2	9	11
Louisville, Ky.	1923	4	20	24
Mobile, Ala.**	1921	2	5	7
Nashville, Tenn.	1885	2	12	14
Oklahoma City, Okla.	1951	-	12	12
Richmond, Va.	1950	-	11	11
Winston-Salem, N.C.	1951	-	8	8
	TOTALS	12	96	108

*Volunteer department

**1951 data

August 20, 1957

Newspaper sources indicate that the following Southern cities have employed Negro policemen since May, 1956:

Atlanta, Georgia	Five additional Negro patrolmen were added to the Atlanta police force in November, 1956.
Lynchburg, Virginia	Lynchburg appointed its first two Negro policemen to the city police force, January, 1957.
Baltimore, Md.	Lorenzo Campbell became the first Negro deputy sheriff in Baltimore's history when he was appointed to that position in February, 1957.
Maryland	A Negro entered the Maryland State Police Academy in July, 1957, the first of his race to be enrolled in the school.

Sent to: All Cooperating Agencies

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HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

August 22, 1957

M E M O R A N D U M

RE: Anticipated Public School Desegregation in Southern and Border States.

For your convenience and information, SRC has compiled the following summary material on previously all white schools which are expected to desegregate in September, 1957. We are also listing a further category of schools, some of which are prominently involved in litigation and some of which have received applications for admittance and face possible litigation. In this second category, there is apparently little likelihood of integration at the beginning of the academic year 1957-58, although in some instances there is a possibility of action leading to integration during the school year.

Schools and School Systems Planning Integration in September, 1957:

Arkansas	Fort Smith	Schools will start plan of gradu- integration beginning with first grade level.
	Little Rock	Desegregation will begin at the high school level.
	Ozark	Ozark High School will begin desegregation at all high school levels.
	Van Buren	Under court order to desegregate in September.

Kentucky	Hopkins McCracken Scott Union Webster	Federal court orders requiring initiation of full desegregation programs were handed to these five counties. The last two were scenes of crowd disorders at Clay and Sturgis last fall.
Maryland	St. Mary's Co.	Desegregation will begin in elementary grades.
	Montgomery Co.	Two additional schools will desegregate.
Missouri	The following schools plan to desegregate:	
	Butler Co.	Poplar Bluff High (two upper grades)
	Daviess Co.	Gallatin Elementary
	Jackson Co.	Independence Elementary
	Johnson Co.	Holden Elementary
	Laclede Co.	Lebanon Elementary
	St. Louis Co.	Eureka Elementary
	Washington Co.	Potosi Elementary
North Carolina	Charlotte	The Charlotte school board announced assignment of five Negro students to previously all white schools: Harding High, 1; Alexander Graham Jr. High, 2; Piedmont Jr. High, 1; Central High, 1.
	Greensboro	The transfer of five Negro students to Gillespie School (elementary and junior high levels) and one Negro student to Senior High School was approved by the Greensboro school board.
	Winston-Salem	One Negro student was assigned by the school board to Reynolds High School.

Oklahoma	Kinta District	This district will desegregate for first time.
	Marietta District	Desegregation is planned for September.
Tennessee	Nashville	First grade integregation in all Nashville public schools is scheduled for September, in compliance with a federal court order.
Virginia	Arlington Co.	Arlington County is under District Court order to abolish segregation in September; however, the District Court did not authorize parents to ignore the requirements of state pupil placement laws. If Virginia's Pupil Placement Act is used to bar Negroes from admittance to integrated school system, and if these cases are brought into court, the constitutionality of the Placement Act will then be considered.
West Virginia	Hardy Co. Mason Co.	Desegregation in these counties, planned for September, will leave only two counties, Jefferson and Hampshire, with segregated school systems.

Schools in Which Integration Action is Pending at Present Time:

*Delaware	All Districts	All presently segregated districts have been ordered by the District Court to integrate, and requested to ready a plan for the desegregation operation before fall term, 1957. The State Board of Education is seeking an appeal to the Circuit Court. This action will, in all probability, preclude any integration activity this fall.
Florida	Dade County	The Fifth Circuit Court reversed the decision of the District Court (which had dismissed a school entry suit). A decision

		by the school board as to their choice between two alternatives - preparing for trial or asking the Supreme Court to review the ruling - has not yet been made.
	Palm Beach Co.	An application suit was dismissed by the District Court on the ground that the applicant wanted to move outside of his normal school district. This decision is being appealed.
Kentucky	Allen Co. Anderson Co. Barren Co. Christian Co. Edmonson Co. Gallatin Co. Garrard Co. Spencer Co. Warren Co.	These nine Kentucky counties have plans for desegregation but dates have not been announced, as far as we can determine.
*Louisiana	New Orleans	The city school system is under Court Order to integrate; however, the order is being contested on a legal technicality. No planning has been done for integration in September.
North Carolina	Bryson City	Applications of six Negro students were refused by school board. There are no indications that the action will be reversed, unless the statement that if protest is made "the school board will probably hold another meeting" implies some chance of reversal.
	Caswell Co.	Forty-three Negro students have applied for admission to previously all-white schools for the fall term of 1957. The applications, "and possibly others," are expected to come before the Board of Education this fall.
	Chapel Hill	The application of one student was rejected. At the present time, the parent is undecided as to whether he will appeal the ruling.

	Old Fort	The McDowell County Board of Education rejected applications of 66 Negro students on the ground that applications were not on proper forms and should have been filed with the principal of Old Fort School.
	Raleigh	One request for admission was refused. A hearing before the School Board has been requested by the parents, as a preliminary step to court action.
South Carolina	Clarendon Co.	No time limit was set in the court order specifying integration in Clarendon County.
Texas	Dallas	Under court order to desegregate, but with no specific time indicated A policy statement will be made by the school board in August.
	Galveston	Plans to desegregate in September, 1957, were halted by an act of the state legislature prohibiting further integration except by approval of the district's voters in an election. No case testing the validity of this law has been filed.
	Houston	A suit has been filed asking District Court to set a definite date for integration. No subsequent action has been reported.
	Mansfield	Federal District Court has ordered Mansfield to integrate, but no actual integration has been accomplished and no plans announced
	Port Arthur	Plans to desegregate in September were halted by state legislature; see Galveston.
	Stanford	Plans to desegregate in September were halted by state legislature; see Galveston.
Virginia	*Charlottesville	The District Court will withhold desegregation decree until the U. S. Supreme Court has acted on

	the state's Pupil Placement laws. The Supreme Court does not reconvene until October 7.
*Newport News	Circuit Court orders to desegregate have been stayed pending Supreme Court action on pupil placement laws of the state. Schools will open on a segregated basis, since no action will be taken by Supreme Court prior to October.
*Norfolk	Circuit Court desegregation was stayed pending Supreme Court action, as in the case of Newport News.
Prince Edward Co.	Under court order to desegregate, but no definite time has been set.

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*Schools or districts in which possibility of integration action appears more immediate.

August 22, 1957

Mr. Frank W. McCulloch
Administrative Assistant to
Senator Paul H. Douglas
United States Senate
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCulloch:

Thank you for your letter of August 8, concerning reprints from the Congressional Record. We would like three thousand copies, record size, with title across top of page of the material mentioned in the earlier letter. This includes the material entitled Southern Regional Council in the July 26, Congressional Record beginning on page 11590 and continuing to the title Excessive Oil Imports on page 11595.

If it is possible, we would appreciate if you would just bill the Council for cost. If payment in advance is required, let me know the exact cost and we will mail you a check.

We do appreciate your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

22 August '57

Miss Verbenna Scott
Ky.Council on Human Relations
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Verbenna:

Thanks for your good letter of the 20th relating your experiences at the Human Relations Workshop at the University of Michigan. We felt that you were an ideal candidate for the scholarship to the workshop and are pleased that you got so much from it.

I have known Bill Vickery of the NCCJ for a long time, dating back to the period he was with the Bureau for Intercultural Education. He is a splendid chap and highly-knowledgeable in our professional field.

I regretted missing you when I was in Kentucky for a meeting of the Executive Committee last week. We had a good meeting; I suggest you talk with Dr. Atwood about it.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/s

August 23, 1957

The Reverend John B. Morris
St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church
605 East Cleveland Street
Dillon, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Morris:

I greatly appreciate your letter calling our attention to the possible availability of Mr. J. Clyde Barrington. He sounds like an excellent person who would bring unusual skills to work of this kind.

Unfortunately the Southern Regional Council has no suitable personnel vacancy at this time, but I can suggest one or two other possibilities. The Tennessee Council on Human Relations, a state affiliate of SRC's, has for some time been looking for a suitable person to serve as executive secretary of their group. If Mr. Barrington should be interested, I am sure the Tennessee Council would be glad to learn of his availability. A second possibility is the American Friends Service Committee, which has a Southern office in Highpoint, North Carolina. They have asked us to suggest possible candidates for two staff positions concerned with Southern program. One of these is called "National Representative of Southern Programs" and consists generally with maintaining liaison between the National Community Relations Department of the Service Committee and their several programs in employment on merit and school desegregation; the other position is that of "North Carolina School Integration Program Director" and involves work with school and community leaders in the State of North Carolina.

The salary involved in any one of these positions would be relatively modest, but I take it from your letter that this might not be too important a consideration.

I should be happy to advise these two agencies of Mr. Barrington's possible availability if that is what you and he would like. If he would prefer to initiate correspondence with them directly, he should write to the following:

Dr. A. C. Miller, Chairman
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2005 Grand Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Mr. B. Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
Post Office Box 1307
High Point, North Carolina

Let me take this opportunity to say a word of appreciation for the constructive efforts you have been making in South Carolina and to extend every good wish for your success.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. M. A. Wright

VIA AIRMAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

August 23, 1957

Miss Florence B. Irving
615 South East Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Florence:

We are preparing to publish the voting study and would like to know the dope on the new registration laws in North Carolina so we can include this in a footnote. Would you send us some information concerning this?

I shall try to get time to write you a more lengthy letter sometimes very soon. I will appreciate any help on the above matter.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/mf

August 23, 1957

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. E. G. Kloppe
Executive Director
Texas Commission on Race Relations
309 West 21st Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

Your letter regarding the question of consultant services has just arrived and I am hastening to get this answer off to you. I am sending a copy both to your office in Austin and in care of the Institute you will be attending next week.

Your proposal to use the consultant described in your letter for further fact-finding on integration in Texas schools is perfectly satisfactory to us. You will recall that the amount for this purpose is not to exceed $600.00 and will be available only through September 30th. The procedure will be for you to authorize appropriate travel and working time for the consultant, and for him to submit directly to SRC a voucher showing the amount of travel expenses and fee to be paid by us. If it is at all practicable, you should arrange with him to have the voucher approved by you at the conclusion of each consultant trip. Then, when the voucher reaches us we will know that there is full agreement as to the amount shown.

In any case, we can correspond further about these mechanical details. Meanwhile, you have our approval in getting the project underway.

I am glad that you feel the situation there is now somewhat clearer and that there are good prospects for a workable program in Texas in the next fiscal year. C. H. Parrish has given me a full briefing on his conversations with Mrs. Crate and Mrs. Aycox as well as those with you. If sounds to me as though he handled the matter very ably and I am very much in hopes that there will be a happy outcome. You will be hearing from Dr. Parrish soon.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: To The Ecumenical Institute
Perkins School of Theology
Southern Methodist University
Dallas, Texas

August 26, 1957

Miss Ada M. Field
New Garden Road
Route 1, Guilford College,
North Carolina

Dear Miss Field:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your good letter to Morris Rubin of the Progressive. I am acquainted with both Morris and the magazine and think very highly of both.

I share your feeling of frustration at the inadequate interpretations of the South that appear in the national magazines, and I heartily endorse your proposal that the Progressive undertake a more mature and constructive analysis in an early issue. Certainly I would be glad to cooperate in every way I can in such an undertaking.

I appreciate especially your kind comments about the Southern Regional Council. When and if I hear from Morris Rubin, I shall let you know.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

August 26, 1957

The Very Rev. Maurice V. Shean, C. O.
Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Shean:

I have been wondering how you are especially as I have been reminded over and over again as I have been in various schools of mission in the South this summer and someone in the women's meeting last year quoted something you said.

We are having another workshop October 28 and 29 here at Wesley Memorial Church. We hope you will be with us as the women really want you and need you. Please give me a list of the Catholic women to be invited.

I miss you coming through the office and I hope I may see you October 28 and 29.

Best of wishes for you go with these requests.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

August 26, 1957

Bishop W. R. Wilkes
643 Hunter Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bishop Wilkes:

On October 28 and 29 we are calling together here in Atlanta women church leaders of both races and three faiths.

I would appreciate it if you would give me some names of African Methodist Episcopal church women who might attend.

Thanking you, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

August 26, 1957

Mrs. James R. Beach
3852 Drury Drive
Macon, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Beach:

We are having another workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned here in Atlanta October 28 and 29. Of course I hope you will be with us. In the meantime I would appreciate if you would give me the names of the women in the southeastern states who should be invited.

As we did heretofore transportation and entertainment will be cared for.

Thanking you for this and the help you have given me through the years, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

August 26, 1957

Mrs. John B. Moose
Box 457
Leesville, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Moose:

For several years I have hoped you would find it convenient to be with us at the workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned - Southern Women Concerned About Their South. We are having another workshop here in Atlanta October 28 and 29 and we do need your thinking and guidance as we face the problems of this day. Most of the denominational women groups of the three faiths and both races will be represented.

I am a little afraid this invitation is not at the opportune moment. I feel sure you must be weary after days in your great international meeting and I hope this will not affect your acceptance. Of course we will pay transportation and entertainment.

We have some fine Lutheran women here in Georgia who have been in our workshops and given good leadership.

I would appreciate an early reply.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

August 26, 1957

Mr. Arthur J. Levin
41 Exchange Place, S. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Art:

We are having our workshop again the Fellowship of the Concerned October 28 and 29. Mark this on your calender and I will give your further information . In the meantime give me the list of women from B'nai B'rith from Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky and as many as you like from Georgia.

Of course we have the funds for their transportation and entertainment. I would appreciate your list as soon as possible as a letter should be sent to them. It is so nice to have you in Atlanta and I get so much from you.

Best wishes to you, I remain

Sincebely,

Dorothy Tilly
Director of Women's Work

DT:lec

August 26, 1957

Mrs. David Cathcart
127 E. Maxwell Street
Lakeland, Florida

Dear Mrs. Cathcart:

You may be aware of the fact that each fall we have a workshop called the Fellowship of the Concerned, bringing together the Women leaders of the three faiths and two races. We will have such a workshop here October 28 and 29 at Wesley Memorial Church.

I hope your schedule is not too full to keep you from being with us. We need you for so many things. You know I feel like one thing we should do is to sing together and I would so love having you lead us. Think this through and let us know and I will give you further information.

Of course the Southern Regional Council will take care of your transportation and entertainment. You will find many of your Methodist leaders here. I had a letter in my heart a long time to write you and tell you how wonderful it is to have someone so young and so gracious as you for our president.

Our prayers and good wishes are with you and a heart full of love.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Tilly
Director of Women's Work

DT:lec

August 26, 1957

Miss Florence B. Irving
615 South East Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Florence:

No need to search for the election law I wrote you about Friday. I found reference to it here. Thought I would dash this off so you would not go through a lot of trouble if you have not already.

Thanks any way.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

August 26, 1957

Dr. Willa B. Player, President
Bennett College
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Player:

Again we are having a workshop the Fellowship of the Concerned - "Southern Women Concerned About Their South," here in Atlanta October 28 and 29.

I am hoping against hope that you will fine it convenient to be with us and lead one of the workshop groups. This meeting will be a follow-up of the workshops we have had the last two years on the Supreme Court school decision. You will certainly render a service to us and our South. I would appreciate and early reply.

With deep appreciation for all the work you are doing for us in this section, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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Dent
c/o Division
Training & Research, Inc.
5401 Auxiliary Road
Washington 14, D.C.

VIA AIR MAIL

August 26, 1957

Mr. Wilton S. Dillon
Executive Secretary
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Wilton:

Although several members of our staff will be at Monteagle over the next weekend, I myself will not. However, I expect to be in the office all of next week and would be delighted to see you here. I am sure there are a good many matters we can profitably discuss.

It was good to have word of mutual friends from you. Unless I hear otherwise, I will be looking forward to seeing you next week.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

August 26, 1957

Mr. R. L. Hunt
Executive Director
Religion and Public Education
257 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Hunt:

I spoke to you about being with us at the workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned sponsored by the Southern Regional Council. This workshop will be here in Atlanta at Wesley Memorial Church October 28 and 29.

I hope you will mark these dates on your calender and be with us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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26 August '57

Mr. Myles Horton, Director
HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

If you recall, when you phoned me at Montreat, N.C., I agreed to speak at the 25th Anniversary Seminar at Highlander but told you I couldn't be present for the full time because of previous personal commitments.

I have just received a letter from Mr. Reagin and a copy of the seminar schedule. To my amazement I find that I am listed to chair a workshop on "the implications of integration for community and civic organizations." This assignment would run for the duration of the full Labor Day weekend.

I note that the two actual workshop sessions meet on Saturday and Sunday aftrenoons. I can drive up Saturday morning and stay through Sunday afternoon. I have an engagement in Atlanta on Friday afternoon and have out-of-town guests arriving Sunday. If I get back no later than Sunday evening they will probably be understanding about the whole thing. I'll chance it.

If this is satisfactory to you and the folks at Highlander I will be glad tp participate.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/s

August 26, 1957

Mrs. Margaret Price
Route 1, Box 272
McLean, Virginia

Dear Margaret:

Enclosed are galley proofs of your voting manuscript. Harold suggests you read and change anything you think necessary since your name is going on the final booklet.

Would appreciate a quick reading and a quick return since we hope to go to press very soon.

How have you been getting along? And why don't you drop us a line sometimes?

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information.

JC:fc
Encl.

August 26, 1957

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This will recommend Mr. Milton C. Vigo.

For somewhat more than three years, Mr. Vigo has served as Executive Director of the Louisiana Council on Human Relations, an affiliate of the Southern Regional Council, with headquarters in New Orleans, Louisiana. On October 1, 1957, the Southern Regional Council must terminate its financial assistance which has made possible the employment of the full-time executive secretary by the Louisiana Council. It is for this reason that Mr. Vigo finds it necessary to seek other employment.

In the period during which Mr. Vigo has served as executive secretary of the Louisiana Council we have found him to be devoted to the high ideals of this work and diligent in his efforts to advance them. I am sure that he will bring to his future employment the fine qualities and hard work that he has given to the position he is now leaving.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

August 26, 1957

Mr. John McConnell
P. O. Box 605
Spruce Pine, North Carolina

Dear Mr. McConnell:

Marion A. Wright, President of the Southern Regional Council, has told us of your interest in the possibilities of obtaining the services of professional consultants for a meeting with key people in your community. SRC has a Consultant Service Program which has worked with leadership groups in large and small communities across the South. We suggest that such be off-the-record and this is scrupulously honored by SRC.

Should your group be interested in obtaining consultant aid, we would welcome a request from them. In making such a request it would be helpful to give us the following information: (1) How large the group would be; (2) the status-positions in the community which they represent; (3) the type of consultant aid they desire (i.e. what do they wish to discuss); (4) whether the group is bi-racial; and (5) whether it is agreeable that the meeting be off-the-record.

The Southern Regional Council will bear the costs of professional fees and travel for the consultants if your group requests aid and if after study we believe the request is of strategic importance.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf
cc: Mr. Marion A. Wright
Mr. John Hope, II

August 27, 1957

The A. N. Marquis Company
Marquis Publications Building
Chicago 11, Illinois

Gentlemen:

Would you please send us a copy of your 1956-57 edition of Who's Who in America and bill us accordingly.

Your early attention to this request will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

August 28, 1957

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

I am glad you found our recent memo useful and I am enclosing the twelve additional copies you requested.

I hope I will see you at the forthcoming CCD meeting in Washington.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 12 copies of "Anticipated Public School Desegregation..."

VIA AIR MAIL

August 28, 1957

Mr. Herbert M. Davidson, Editor
Daytona Beach Morning Journal
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Herbert:

The Executive Committee recently set November 12th and 13th as the dates for the Annual Meeting. It will be held at Atlanta University. I hope I can look forward to seeing you then, if not sooner.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

August 28, 1957

Mr. John J. Scanlon
The Fund for the Advancement of Education
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear John:

This is a gratuitous note, adding further confirmation of Dean White of the University of Florida. Since those pre-vacation days when we last talked by telephone, I have discussed White with several of our people who have worked with him in one way or another. Their views are unanimously favorable, as to both his personal and his professional qualifications.

I shall look forward to hearing more about that project if it develops.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL

August 28, 1957

Mr. B. Tartt Bell
Executive Secretary
American Friends Service Committee
1818 S. Main Street
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

I was glad to hear that you are considering Jim McCain as a replacement for Henry Cathings. Our experience with Jim has given us a very healthy prospect for him. He is wholeheartedly devoted to the principles that AFSC and SRC share, and he brings some unusual skills to the field. We have been particularly impressed by the confidence he inspires in local Negro leadership and the use he makes of this skill in fact-finding and in stimulation of constructive local efforts. Based on what I know of him and of the position for which you are considering him, I should think he would work out very well. I discussed this with Fred Routh and C. H. Parrish and find them both of the same opinion.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Washington at the time of the CCD meeting.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Daily file copy

29 Aug.'57

Dr. Hugh Brimm, Exec. Dir.
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Hugh:

The minutes of the Ky. Board Meeting of Aug. 14, just arrived. Never have I seen such a garbled account of what was actualy said at a meeting.

Ihope these have not had very wide circulation.

I am enclosing corrections to the minutes, or at least to the misinformation in the minutes. I suggest that a corrected version go out immediately to all who received the incorrect version; it should be indicated that the corrected minutes supersede the previously issued minutes.

I am not one to cavil but this is rather serious. I suggest that in the future you, as Executive Director, proof read any mimeographed material that gets distributed by the Council.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/s

Corrections to the minutes of
The Kentucky Council's Board
of Directors Meeting, Aug. 14.

Pg. 1, par. 2 Starting. "Dr. Hugh Brimm brought out the fact..."

The Southern Regional Council has and has had for many years tax exempt status. The tax exempt status of all human relations agencies is under review by the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

Highlander Folk School lost its tax exempt status through charges of political activity; specifically for favoring or opposing candidates and specific pieces of legislation.

James C. Davis is a congressman not a US Senator. As a matter of fact, this should be struck from the minutes.

Change of affiliate status of state organizations has no relationship to what else is said in this papagraph.

Various national agencies have been meeting on this problem for the past two years.

The forth coming two-day meet in Washington will probably not even touch on the question of tax exemption. It will be devoted to discussions of next steps for human relations agencies with staff members in the Southern Region and of appropriate roles for national agencies in assisting the desegregation movement.

Pg. 1, par. 6 Starting..." Miss Ruthenburg brough to the attention..."

It sounds as if Mark Etheridge was interested in becoming a member of NCC.

Pg. 2, par. 2 Starting..." Dr. Parrish pointed up a rumor..."

Dr. Parrish said that some white parents in Louisville had received phone calls urging them to have their children pick fights with Negro pupils. No record of any of them following this advice is known.

BEST COPY AVAILABLE

August 29, 1957

Miss L. Cornelia Russell
Board of Missions
150 - 5th Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Russell:

The Fellowship of the Concerned - "Southern Women Concerned About Their South" will again have a workshop. This time it will be October 28 and 29 here in Atlanta.

You may be familiar with this type of meeting we have every year of leaders of various denominations - Protestants, Catholics, and Jews. In 1955 or 1954 the rural workers of the Southern states came to this workshop and I believe they were sent by the conference in which they work, but I am not sure as to how this was financed for them.

They would be most welcome to come to this and I think not only would they make a contribution to the group but they would find the things they should know.

Look at your schedule and see if it wouldn't be possible for you to be with us. Thelma Stevens always comes and Marjorie Minkler came a time or two. Hotel reservations will be made for the people who may wish to come. The workshop will be held at Wesley Memorial Church.

If you find your way clear to be with us or to have the girls with us, I think you will be making a valuable contribution

to our South. I would appreciate hearing from you as early as possible.

With best of wishes to you, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

August 29, 1957

Mr. Hodding Carter, Editor
DELTA-DEMOCRAT-TIMES
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Hodding:

Your editorial on Tom Waring is a fine corrosive job and gladdens our hearts. I am sending copies to a few select people and I have little doubt that Waring will see it. I will send you a copy of anything he may publish in rebuttal that comes our way.

With warm appreciation and regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

August 29, 1957

Rev. Annie R. Campbell
Minister of Christian Education
Congregational Christian Churches
673 Piedmont Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 8, Georgia

Dear Miss Campbell:

I wish we had money to bring all the wonderful people on your list to the workshop but we just don't have it. If you will list someone from each state and then your over all persons - I am not quite sure of who they are - Mrs. Slater, Mrs. Williams, or Mrs. Lee.

If you would just call the office and if I am not in, ask for Miss Cummings and she will take the list of names you may give her, that they may get the information.

Best wishes to you and thanks.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

August 29, 1957

Mrs. E. U. Robinson
Post Office Box 516
Gallatin, Tennessee

Dear Ruth:

Our workshop of the women of the South will be here in Atlanta October 28 and 29. I hope you will find it possible to be with us. Of course your expenses will be paid.

Let me know if you can save these dates on your calender and I will give you further information.

I am also even with you now for I have a rather deep steam burn on my arm.

With love and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

August 29, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thanks for your recent letter and the enclosures informing me of the latest considerations by your policy group. At this stage, it is very difficult for me to say much that would be helpful, and anything I do say is, of course, merely my personal opinion.

Any of the proposed alternative staffing arrangements would probably be satisfactory from the Council's point of view. I like particularly the proposed plan of supplementing the Director's services by the use of consultants.

In general, we do feel that now is the time for the state groups to give more specific focus to their program activities rather than spreading themselves too thinly over broad areas. And, of course, we would like to see professional staff freed as much as possible from the grind of fund-raising.

The size of the budget, however, raises a problem which we must consider when the final decision is made by the South Carolina Council. That is, how can we justify a substantially larger grant to South Carolina if the program and financing are about the same as those of other state groups which the Council is giving less? This implies nothing critical of South Carolina - far from it - but simply raises a question of the equitable distribution

of our sorely restrictive funds available for state aid. Ideally, at any rate, the larger sum allocated to South Carolina should be defensible in terms of program, budget, or both.

I am glad that you are planning a vacation and I hope it will give you a good chance for real relaxation and refreshment of the spirit.

Whatever the final outcome of our negotiations, I know we will be working closely together.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. I am enclosing a copy of an editorial written, on his own initiative, by Hodding Carter. I am sure you will enjoy it as much as I did. We don't know whether or not Tom Waring has seen it or will see it. Let me know if you feel any special use is indicated - and also if any answering editorial by Waring comes to your attention.

H.C.F.

August 29, 1957

Mr. Lewis Jones
Rural Life Council - Box 67
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Lewis:

Congratulations on your successful negotiations with the Bishop. That was a notable achievement.

I will be looking forward to the valuable results of your survey.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Blind copies to: M. A. Wright
Rufus E. Clement

August 30, 1957

Mr. Irving Breakstone
Past Commander
The American Legion
Department of Illinois
140 N. Dearborn Street
Chicago 2, Illinois

Dear Mr. Breakstone:

Robert Pickus has passed on to us your helpful suggestions regarding the article on the Southern Regional Council which appeared in the May 15 issue of The Firing Line.

Enclosed are additional copies of our analysis of this attack. I am also getting in touch with the Fund for the Republic about possible distribution of our memorandum to its mailing list.

I might be worth noting that our memorandum was inserted in the Congressional Record on July 26 by Senator Douglas, acting on his own initiative. Our findings on Negro registration and voting had figured largely in the civil rights debate, and one of the Southern senators cited The Firing Line article in an effort to discredit us; this provided the occasion for Senator Douglas' use of our answer.

We are more grateful than I can say for your interest and help.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures: 6 copies of Firing Line Analysis

August 30, 1957

Mr. Irving Breakstone
Past Commander
The American Legion
140 N. Dearborn Street
Chicago 2, Illinois

Dear Mr. Breakstone:

I would like to express my personal appreciation for your interest in the Southern Regional Council regarding the attack made on it in Firing Line.

For a few years I lived in Chicago and I remembered the furor caused by the attack on the Girl Scouts; this remembrance prompted me to request Bob Pickus to see if he could establish some contact with thoughtful Legion personnel.

Harold Fleming, Director of the Council, will write you regarding the suggestions in your letter to Pickus of August 20th.

Again my personal thanks and those of the Staff here for aid at a time when we need our full energies for the job of building a more democratic South.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via

EFV:fc

August 30, 1957

Reverend Robert Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
1218 Comer Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Bob:

I am mailing you, under separate cover, twelve copies of our mimeographed report on statements by religious bodies and persons. These copies are just a down payment to you and the Birmingham Council.

The reason I have not sent these statements earlier is that I am negotiating with someone who might possibly publish the entire report in a booklet. This person is away on vacation now and I am leaving for vacation today and so it will be a couple of weeks before I can give you anything more definite.

With very best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/mf

August 30, 1957

Mr. Francis M. Wilhoit
Box 424
Carthage, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wilhoit:

I am happy to send you the information you requested about the Southern Regional Council.

Enclosed are several pieces of material generally descriptive of the Council and its activities, but for the sake of clarity here are brief answers to the questions you raised:

(a) The Council has taken a clear-cut stand in favor of the Supreme Court school decision and its implementation. The Council was on record as favoring the elimination of segregation in general for some years prior to the Supreme Court decision.

(b) The Council's affiliate in Georgia is the Georgia Council on Human Relations (formerly the Georgia Commission on Interracial Cooperation). This organization, as part of its program, is working for orderly compliance with the Supreme Court school decision. It has received financial assistance from the Southern Regional Council and carries on a professionally staffed program under the direction of Dr. Guy H. Wells. Its headquarters are also in this building at 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.

(c) Within the last year, the Council has carried out a large scale survey of Negro registration and voting in the South. The findings figured largely in the recent debate in congress on civil rights legislation. I am enclosing a mimeographed

preliminary report which will shortly be supplanted by a longer printed publication.

(d) We have nothing in print that gives a detailed description of the ways in which the Council sees its role and seeks to achieve its purposes. However, the enclosed material will give you at least a general idea.

If after looking over this letter and the enclosed material you have specific questions that I may answer, do not hesitate to write me again.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

August 30, 1957

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Sincerely,

Emory F. Via

EFV:fc

August 30, 1957

Mr. John Hope, II
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

Still, I have not found time to put in topical headings and make final corrections on the Consultants Conference materials. But here they are - both original transcription and my revision of the report by Committee #1.

The other two items are self-explanatory. If I get chance to come to Nashville in the next few weeks, we can talk about them.

There is an even chance that I'll be in Washington September 15, 16, and 17, depending upon whether SRC can afford me and getting away from registration routines at the University.

Cordially,

C. H. Parrish
Program Associate

CHP/mf
(signed in absence)

Enclosures - Conversations with Bob Hughes
Evaluation of the Lemoyne Workshop
Notes on Consultants Conference - May 24-25, 1957
(Both revised and original transcripts)

August 30, 1957

Mr. David F. Freeman
Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Dave:

Many thanks for sharing George Mitchell's letter with us. I agree that they should be preserved for a posterity unlucky enough not to have sampled the flavor of the Mitchell personality.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 4, 1957

Mr. John Hope, II
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

Enclosed is a memo from Arnold Aronson giving the particulars of the CCD meeting on September 16th and 17th. You will note that the meeting begins at 10:30 A. M. on the 16th and closes at 5:00 P. M. the 17th.

It is anticipated that Harold C.H., Fred and you will attend. Accordingly, Harold has requested that reservations be made at the Willard Hotel for Sunday and Monday nights (15th and 16th) for you and the other SRC participants.

Regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1 CCD memo re September meeting

P. S. Many thanks for the consultant list.

September 4, 1957

Dr. C. H. Parrish
926 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C.H.:

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Regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1 CCD memo re September meeting.

September 5, 1957

Mrs. Peggy Leppmann
World University Service
3012 Maple Avenue
Dallas 4, Texas

Dear Mrs. Leppmann:

Thank you for your renewal of New South and for your change of address. And, congratulations to Mr. Leppmann!

There is a Texas affiliate of the Southern Regional Council which will become an independent human relations organization on October 1st. The director of the group is the Reverend Edwin Kloppe. The address of the Texas Council on Human Relations is: 504 West 24th Street, Austin, Texas. I am sure they would be most grateful for your interesting support.

If we can be of further help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

cc: Mr. Edwin Kloppe

September 5, 1957

Mr. Lewis Jones
Rural Life Council - Box 67
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Lewis:

I am sure your decision as to Dr. Shanley was a wise one. My personal acquaintance with him is very limited. I knew only that his study of the Georgia League of Women Voters had won a good bit of acclaim and that he has had more than the normal amount of experience with human relations agencies. I must say, that after my conversation with him on this specific matter, my reaction was much the same as yours.

We were very much interested in Bob Hughes' report on the Tuskegee power structure. I agree that further analysis of this kind could be very valuable.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 5, 1957

Mr. James T. McCain
317 W. Bartlette Street
Sumter, South Carolina

Dear Jim:

Thanks for your letter commenting on your field trip. I am glad to know that you found nothing in conflict with last summer's findings.

I would appreciate it, however, if your would reassure me more specifically about the points in question. In case you may not have it handy, I am enclosing the mimeographed statements about ~~segregation~~ discrimination in McCormick County, Calhoun County, and elsewhere in South Carolina. This is what we are going to print, and I would appreciate your reading it carefully for accuracy.

You will recall that a registrar in Calhoun County claimed that 50 Negroes were registered there and a registrar in McCormick County denied that there had been any purge in 1948, saying that no Negroes had been registered in her memory. Both of these statements flatly contradicted our report. Do I understand that your check in those places showed that the denials by the McCormick and Calhoun registrars were untrue? This is the specific reassurance we need before going to press. If there is any doubt at all on either point, please don't hesitate to let me know. It will be comparatively simple to change the text now, and we will have to live with this published version from now on.

I appreciate your putting in this additional time on the voting survey, and I am enclosing our check for $24.40 to cover the mileage you reported.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures-2

September 5, 1957

Mr. T. J. Woofter
1869 Wyoming Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Woofter:

Thank you for your kind letter of August 26. I have indeed inherited a difficult job, but all of us here have the satisfaction of knowing that we are playing some part in one of the important developments of our time.

I was happy to receive a copy of your recent book, Southern Race Progress which I have read with great interest. I was pleased to notice the good comments on it in the enclosed column from The Chattanooga Times. In case you haven't yet seen it I enclose a copy.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 Chattanooga Times article, dated September 4, 1957

September 5, 1957

Dr. F. D. Patterson, Director
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Patterson:

All is arranged for Mr. Biroli to visit the Council's offices while he is here. I am glad that you thought of me in connection with his visit.

We have just had a good visit with Wilton Dillon, during which we discussed a great many matters of common interest.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 5, 1957

Mrs. David L. Pressly
576 Dogwood Road
Statesville, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Pressly:

Under separate cover we are sending you back issues of New South which are appropriate for use in your Circle Study Group.

If members of the group are interested in the publication, we would be most happy to have their subscriptions.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

September 5, 1957

Dr. Claude Thompson
Chandler School of Theology
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Dr. Thompson:

Thank you for your renewal of the New South Subscription and your check for $4.00. Under separate cover we are sending the back issues which you missed while you were out of the country. The New South subscription is only $2.00 per year. Therefore, of course, we will enter your subscription for two years from the ~~next~~ last expiration date.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

September 5, 1957

Mrs. Hattie L. Green
1193 Hunter Road, N. W.
Atlanta 14, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Green:

Thank you for your renewal of the New South subscription. We are very sorry to hear of your continuing illness and trust that you will soon be very much improved.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

September 5, 1957

Mr. Horace T. Ward
5130 Drexel Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Ward:

Thank you for your subscription to New South and for your check of $3.00. Under separate cover we are sending you our most recent back issues to cover the additional one dollar.

With a few exceptions, all back issues of the magazine are available at 20¢ per copy.

If we can be of further help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

September 5, 1957

Mr. James B. Earle
Associate Director
Race Relations Law Reporter
Vanderbilt University
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Earle:

Thank you for your subscription to New South. A bill for the same is enclosed. It will be possible to send you our back issues beginning with Vol. 12, No. 1. These we are sending under separate cover.

We find your publication most helpful and trust that New South will be of some assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

September 5, 1957

Mrs. Daisy Pooley
805 Rodman Road
Belafonte
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Mrs. Pooley:

Under separate cover we are sending you twenty (20) copies of Next Steps. Thank you for your check of $4.00 to cover this amount. We are also including several pieces of literature which may be helpful in the Fall Mission Conference.

If we can be of further help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

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Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

VIA AIR MAIL

September 5, 1957

Mr. Arnold Aronson
National Community Relations Advisory Council
Room 801
9 East 38th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Arnie:

This may find you still on vacation, but at least it will be waiting for you on your return.

First, as to the voting panel, I can now suggest a labor participant. Emory Via, our labor consultant advises that the guy most likely to have an overall grasp of Negro suffrage from the unions' point of view is Henry Zon, research director of COPE, in Washington.

I was able to arrange with Philip Hammer to be present Tuesday the 16th for the economics workshop. SRC will cover his expenses. Hammer, you remember, is the president of Hammer & Company of Atlanta, planning consultants to business and industry. He was the research director for the Ashmore Project, former executive officer of the NPA's Committee for the South, and former director of the Atlanta Metropolitan Planning Commission. He is an SRC board member and conducted for us a detailed study of post-war industrialization in the South.

With apologies for dealing with so many different matters, here is another. Wilton S. Dillon, Executive Secretary of the Phelps-Stokes Fund, was just here. He is developing program

for the Fund in this field and is very much interested in the September 16-17 meeting. I think he would be a useful addition and hope you will feel it proper to send him a reservation form at the Phelps-Stokes Fund, 101 Park Avenue, New York 17.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 6, 1957

Mr. Cornelius C. Tarplee
Associate Secretary
The National Council
Protestant Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Neil:

I am a long time acknowledging your very helpful rundown on the Charlottesville situation. At a time when desegregating communities are running into so much manufactured difficulty, it is good to know that there is this much constructive programming going on in Charlottesville which presumably will soon be making the same transition.

I heartily concur that public prayers for racial and social justices are in good taste and can improve the climate of opinion. It is worth noting that a number of the ministers of Little Rock made such appeals on the eve of integration there. It now seems that they should have been praying for Governor Faubus.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the CCD conference in Washington, Monday week. We will have plenty to talk about.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 6, 1957

Mr. Galen A. Martin
Field Representative
Unitarian Service Committee, Inc.
Box 887
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Galen:

Since John is on vacation your letter of the 3rd has come to my attention.

Accordingly, under separate cover, we are sending you ten copies of "Next Steps"; ten copies of "Religious Bodies and the Supreme Court Decision", (New South, October 1956 is not available but this is a more thorough compilation); and, several single pieces which may be of value. Unfortunately, we do not have an adequate list of publications available. A bill for these materials is enclosed.

Concerning films, we do have available "The Baltimore Story", the George Mitchell "Face of the South", and possibly at least one other. These are distributed for us by the Atlanta ADL office. I will ask John to send you additional information on this upon his return on the 16th.

Cordially,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1 Invoice

Daily file copy

August 6, 1957

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

I called your house yesterday only to discover that you were out of the city. I called because I am coming up to Montreat for a meeting of the Presbyterians Thursday and Friday of this week.

I Had hoped to run by Top Knot and spend part of Saturday with you. The next time I am up that way I shall try again to include your house on my itenirary.

Things are going well here at the council even though Harold is on vacation.

Warm sincere regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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September 6, 1957

The Reverend John A. Pinckney
Chairman
Community Council of Greenville County
110-A West McBee Avenue
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Pinckney:

My apologies for this delay in answering your letter of August 21, but it has taken some time to determine what there might be in the South that is similar to the kind of committee you have in mind.

We have found very little in communities comparable to Greenville in location and climate of opinion. There have been several in recent years, but they seem to be mostly inactive. You are familiar, I am sure, with the bi-racial committee appointed several years ago in Rock Hill. More recently, the mayor of Mobile, Alabama appointed a bi-racial committee to be concerned with arbitration of racial problems, alleviation of tensions, and an increase of communication between Negro and white citizens. I believe that this committee is still formally in existence but there has been no evidence of its activities for some time. A letter to the mayor of Mobile or to Father Albert J. Foley of Spring Hill College there would no doubt yield more details about the formation and functions of that commission.

As you may know, a group of private citizens of both races make up a very active Nashville, Tennessee Conference on Community Relations. This group includes in its membership representatives of both races, the various religious denominations, and various community leadership groups.

Its stated purpose is "to retain the friendly relations our community has achieved in many fields, and to help resolve, in a lawful manner, unresolved problems, prejudice, discrimination, and group tension, upon a friendly, firm, and lasting basis." In line with the more advanced situation in Nashville, this group actively supported the court approved plan of the local school board for gradual school desegregation. However, it has in common with your proposed commission the fact that its formative purpose was not advocacy but harmonious resolution of community differences. More information could be obtained by writing the chairman, Mr. Maclin P. Davis, Sr., 709 Westview Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

Another community that has begun very gradual desegregation - Charlotte, North Carolina - has an interracial group made up of civic leaders of both races. This is the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Council on Human Relations, 121 E. Third Street, Charlotte, North Carolina. This group has also supported its school board's plan for gradual desegregation, but again has been primarily concerned with maintaining good relations in the midst of officially determined change in the schools.

We know of other local interracial groups in the lower South, but it does not seem to me that they would offer much in the way of precedent for the quasi-official body you have in mind.

We are glad to know that the Community Council of Greenville County is engaged in this kind of constructive exploration. If we can be of any further assistance to you, do not hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 9, 1957

Mr. Robert Horwitz
Assistant Professor of Political Science
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Horwitz:

We are enclosing the carbon copy of the revised write-up on our organization for the Supplement to CIVIC EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES.

We sincerely hope this copy is not too late for publication and please excuse the delay.

Sincerely,

(Miss) L. E. Cummings
Secretary to the Director
of Information

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September 9, 1957

Mr. Myles Horton, Director
HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL
Mounteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

It was good to be with you and all those wonderful folks at Highlander over the Labor Day weekend. The group in my workshop on the implications of integration for civic and community organizations actually got down to the nitty-gritty of "what" and "how." I was glad to leave theory behind for once and discuss things on a level which had practical implications for the participants.

I was glad to donate my time to this effort for I believe it was time well spent. I will also be happy to personally absorb the cost of my meals enroute. So the only cost to Highlander is for transportation. I drove a total of 363 miles to attend the conference; at 8¢ per mile that comes to $29.04; this check should be made out to the Southern Regional Council for they have already reimbursed me for the travel in that amount.

Conrad Brown, Wilton Dillon, and I had a pleasant drive back to Atlanta. We evaluated the conference and you will be happy to know that we all thought it a success. Highlander has again contributed to the orderly process of social change.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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September 9, 1957

Miss Dorothy Adger, President
The Dallas NAACP Youth Council
2618 Warren Avenue
Dallas, Texas

Dear Miss Adger:

Thank you for your recent clipping from the Dallas Morning News. Currently we are collecting just such information concerning violence and intimidation in the Southern states. In time and with sufficient documentary material, we believe we can make a reasonable effort toward preventing this type of deplorable incident.

We would be most grateful if you would continue to send us clippings and other reports of incidents of this nature.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

September 9, 1957

Mr. M. A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Enclosed is a draft of a letter to all expiring ex-officio board members. Doubtlessly many of these members will not be re-elected to the board though, in all probability, some of them will be elected to regular membership. I trust this draft covers both situations.

When we receive your final draft we will send this letter, over your signature, to all retiring ex-officio members.

A list of all board members, their status, and dates of expiration, is enclosed. You will note that the first section indicates all state representatives who would receive your letter.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1

September 6, 1957

Mr. John W. Gardner, President
Carnegie Corporation of New York
589 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Gardner:

It was thoughtful of you to send me the list of books selected for distribution to certain areas of the British Commonwealth. The selection is indeed an excellent one. As I read the list, I was struck again and again by the felicity of the choices.

Since I combine my natural interest in this project with a longstanding friendship with Eric Larrabee, I shall be especially interested in the guide that is shortly to appear.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 10, 1957

The Willard Hotel
Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th Street
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Thank you for the confirmation of reservations for Mr. Harold Fleming and Mr. F. B. Routh of this office. We assume that similar confirmations were sent to Mr. John Hope and Dr. C. H. Parrish at their addresses.

In all probability Mr. Fleming and Mr. Routh will arrive no earlier than 10:00 p.m. on September 15th. Accordingly, we are enclosing a deposit of $10.00 to secure these reservations.

We have not been informed of the travel schedules of Mr. Hope and Dr. Parrish. However, please hold their reservations in the event of late arrivals. We will, of course, accept the responsibility for those reservations.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1 check ($10.00)

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September 10, 1957

MEMORANDUM

TO: Southern Staffs of All Participating Organizations

FROM: Harold C. Fleming

SUBJ: CCD Meeting, Washington, September 16-17, 1957

The national offices of all agencies participating in the Consultative Conference on Desegregation have been notified of the forthcoming meeting at the Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C., Monday and Tuesday, September 16 - 17.

I am sending this memo to Southern staffers to emphasize the fact that we will have an all-Southern session beginning at 10:00 AM Monday. (National staff representatives will meet separately for a discussion of the Koinonia affair.)

In view of the momentous developments in the region, I know you will make the Southern session if at all possible. We will aim our discussion toward recommendations that should come before the entire CCD body at ensuing sessions.

At luncheon on Monday, a spokesman for the Justice Department will outline the Department's plans for proceeding under the new civil rights law and we shall have full opportunity to discuss with him, and among ourselves, how voluntary organizations can aid citizens in exercising their voting rights.

On Monday evening the current situation in Little Rock and other desegregating communities will be discussed. At that time

we will address ourselves to the problems of governmental sanctions organizing local communities and community organization in the school desegregation process.

The program for Tuesday contemplates two or three concurrent workshops, in which small groups can focus their attention upon such practical questions as those involved in the use of media of communication, the furtherance of cooperation among the religious bodies, and ways and means of involving industry and unions more effectively in the desegregation process.

There will be a luncheon speaker on Tuesday and the afternoon will be devoted to a business meeting.

If you or your national office, have not done so, please designate your representatives to this session without further delay. This information should be sent to: Arnold Aronson, 9 East 38th Street, New York 16, N. Y.

We shall look forward to seeing you in Washington on the 16th.

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September 10, 1957

Mrs. James R. Burgess
Post Office Box 27
Summerville, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Burgess:

I will bring with me the Worship Setting for your study on St. Mark and some books and lists for your worship and interest table.

Looking forward to being with you, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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September 10, 1957

Miss Thelma Stevens, Executive Secretary
Women's Division of Christian Service
Board of Missions of The Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Thelma:

The plans for our Workshop October 28 and 29 are developing nicely. The theme of the Workshop will be "The Challenge of Controversy."

I know you rejoice with me that Dr. W. J. Faulkner will be with us to lead us through deep waters. You may remember John Griffin being with us last year. He will have a great deal to do with the directing of the Workshop groups.

I have hotel reservations for you at the Piedmont Hotel.

Please give us any suggestions you may have for us. We would appreciate all the help possible.

With love and best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely,

Dorothy Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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September 10, 1957

Mrs. Esther C. Stamats, Director
Christian Social Relations
National Council of Churches
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mrs. Stamats:

The plans for our Workshop of the "Fellowship of the Concerned" October 28 and 29 are moving along nicely. The theme of the Workshop will be "The Challenge of Controversy."

I believe you will rejoice with me that Dr. W. J. Faulkner will be with us to guide us through deep waters on our spiritual adventures. We have Dr. John Griffin from Emory University, quite an expert in the field of adult education, to do a great deal of the directing of our Workshop.

The seriousness of these times and the tragedy in our South will need the best thinking of all of us. So I beg of you to send us any suggestions that you may have in mind and heart.

I have made a reservation, singel room, for you at the Piedmont Hotel. I am so grateful that you are going to be with us this year. Please don't let anything prevent it.

With love and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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September 10, 1957

Dr. W. J. Faulkner
Congregational Church of Park Manor
7000 South Park Street
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Dr. Faulkner:

You have certainly given me great joy in agreeing to be our spiritual leader in our workshop of the "Fellowship of the Concerned - Southern Women Concerned About Their South" to be held here in Atlanta, October 28 and 29, beginning at 11:00 on the first day and closing on the afternoon of the second.

The theme of the workshop will be The Challenge of Controversy.

We want you to lead us through the deep waters on our spiritual adventures. We will need at least three messages from you - one for each of the three sessions, the last to be the very end sending us forth with the courage and hope we need.

We are enclosing a sheet that we are sending out.

Always when your name comes to mind I think of what you did for us when you were here with Mrs. Roosevelt. I don't mind one bit if you would again talk to us as Mustard Seed Women.

With a heart full of thanks to you and praying God's blessings upon you, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: All Participating Agencies

FROM: Paul Anthony, Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council

We would like to revise our directory of Organizations and Personnel Engaged in Human Relations Activities in the South. Accordingly, we are enclosing the information we have for your organization and the way in which it will appear in the directory. If there are corrections, changes or additions would you please notify us at your earliest convenience. If there are no changes we would appreciate confirmation of that fact. We are particularly concerned with personnel changes and the inclusion of agencies not previously listed.

Each individual listed in the directory will receive a copy of the revised edition. If you have suggestions for further distribution or have need for more than one copy we will be happy to supply them.

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September 11, 1957

Mr. Charles G. Gomillion
Dean of Students
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gomillion:

You were kind enough to accept the appointment, made at the Council's annual meeting in November, 1956, to serve on this year's nominating committee. The purpose of this committee is to make nominations for officers, executive committee members, and board members, which will be submitted to the 1957 annual meeting here in Atlanta on November 12th.

Since our by-laws provide that the nominating committee shall meet not less than 30 days before the annual meeting, the time for at least an initial meeting is near.

Would it be possible for you to attend such a meeting at the offices of the Southern Regional Council on Friday, October 11 at 2:00 P. M.? If this time is impossible for you, will you please indicate on the enclosed postal card what date and time during the week beginning Monday, October 7th would be possible.

I should point out that the by-laws do not require that the committee make its final nominations 30 days prior to the annual meeting, but simply that the committee meet and begin its deliberations by that time. Enclosed is a list of the board as now constituted, showing the status of each board member. You will see that the terms of 21 members automatically expire on October 1st when the state groups by which they were named end their affiliate relationship with SRC. An additional 23 members are in the class of 1957,

which means that their current terms will expire as of the end of the 1957 annual meeting. Members in both categories are eligible for re-election.

Also enclosed is a list of the present officers and executive committee members. Mr. Wright signified that he does not intend to be a candidate for re-election to the presidency. The other officers are subject to re-election, as are those members of the executive committee who continue as board members.

At the time of our meeting, I will put before you additional names that have been suggested for the positions that must be filled. Meanwhile, however, I hope you will make a note of suitable names that occur to you. Of course, the final nominations will be solely the decision of the nominating committee.

There has never been a time in the history of SRC when it was more important to secure the best possible leadership. We appreciate your willingness to give your time and judgment to this important matter, and I assure you that the staff will do everything it can to keep the demands of your time and energy to a minimum.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

Same ltr. sent to:

Dr. Benjamine E. Mays
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September 11, 1957

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

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Mr. Philip Hammer, Director
Hammer & Company
70 Fairlie Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear ~~Mr. Hammer:~~ Phil:

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September 11, 1957

Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Executive Secretary
Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear ~~Mrs. Hamilton~~: Grace:

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President
Columbia Theological Seminary
Decatur, Georgia

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September 11, 1957

Mr. Julian Schatz
American Jewish Congress
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Mr. Schatz:

This is in reply to your memorandum of August 19, relative to the biographical sketch of Dr. George Sinclair Mitchell. Dr. Mitchell is no longer with the Council but is living in Glencoe, Argyll, SCOTLAND.

We are returning the sketch to you in the event you wish to mail it to him there.

Sincerely,

(Miss) L. E. Cummings
Secretary to the Director
of Information

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Encl.

Daily File Copy

September 11, 1957

Mrs. Cora Ratliff
3054 Oak Forest Drive
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Cora Ratliff:

Enclosed you will find a notification and invitation to a workshop of the "Fellowship of the Concerned." I sincerely hope you will be with us. The dates are the 28th and 29th of October.

The recent events of Nashville and Little Rock makes it more than necessary for groups of church women to get together, think together and plan together. I am sure you are well aware of this.

We will break up into small groups and I am asking you to be the leader of one of the groups.

Please let me hear from you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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Encls.

September 11, 1957

Mrs. Harry Strauss
Strauss & Strauss Attorneys at Law
Suite 401-04 Commercial National Bank Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Stauss:

Enclosed you will find a notification and invitation to the meeting of "The Fellowship of the Concerned."

Here is a favor I want to ask you. At this workshop will you please give us an analysis of the recent Civil Rights Bill passed by Congress. If you get it ready in time we will mimeograph it and give it out. This will be most helpful to all of us.

It has been delightful for me to know you and I sincerely hope you will find it possible to be with us October 28 and 29.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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Encl.

September 11, 1957

Miss Anna Holden
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Anna:

Enclosed you will find a belated check for secretarial work last October. Just how the slip up came, neither Ruth nor I can explain.

I am sending this and adding to it another request. Enclosed you will find information about the workshop of the "Fellowship of the Concerned." Please come and again give us the valuable service of gathering the gleans together, and if you do come plan to stay two extra days or more and we will give you secretarial help so it won't be so difficult for you.

There is no one that can do the job like you and we all would like to see you. We have much to tell you.

Please let me hear from you.

Sincere greetings from Ruth and myself,

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encl.

September 11, 1957

Mrs. L. L. Jackson
1413 Cleburne Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Jackson:

Enclosed you will find information and an invitation to the workshop of the "Fellowship of the Concerned." I do hope you will find it possible to be with us. You may well know that I need you. I would appreciate it if you would let me know at an early date if you will be with us.

I have written your secretary of Christian Social Relations but as yet I have not heard from her. I hope she is coming.

I am sure you are suffering over the conditions of our South and maybe thinking together and planning together we will find some way that we may help in the situation.

With the best of wishes to you,

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encl.

September 11, 1957

Mrs. Paul Arrington
1735 Piedmont Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Bess:

Enclosed you will find a notice and invitation to a workshop of the "Fellowship of the Concerned." Needless to say that I need you and want you.

We will break up into small groups and I would like for you to lead one of the groups.

We will give you further information later. In the meantime you can see the subject is "The Challenge of Controversy."

With love and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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Encls.

September 11, 1957

Mrs. Ruby Hurley
N. A. A. C. P.
859½ Hunter Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Hurley:

Please note the enclosed information about a workshop of the "Fellowship of the Concerned." I hope you can be with us all the time, if not give us some time to answer the questions about the N. A. A. C. P. and then of course I want them to know you.

I believe your presence will benefit all of us because you speak so clearly and sincerely.

I would appreciate it if you would let me hear from you.

With the best of wishes to you always, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 11, 1957

Reverend W. Carroll Brooke
Trinity Episcopal Church
Box 207
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brooke:

This is a reminder, probably unnecessary, that the time rapidly approaches for our new fiscal relationship with the state groups to go into effect. So that there won't be any delay on October 1st, I hope I will be hearing from you soon about the matters dealt with in my letter of July 22nd.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

cc: Mr. Jack R. Marion

September 11, 1957

Dear Helen,

Thanks for the copy of SOUTH in which the passage of the voting bill is summarized from the Confederate point of view. Apropos, I thought you might be interested in seeing the enclosed letter from Senator Douglas which gave us some pleasure.

Regards.

Miss Helen Bullard
Rawson and Associates
302 Whitehead Boulevard
Atlanta, Georgia

Bly.

September 11, 1957

Mr. Harry L. Golden
Editor and Publisher
THE CAROLINA ISRAELITE
1229 Elizabeth Avenue
Charlotte 1, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Golden:

I could ask for no better news than that you are to share a platform with Mr. Waring. I only wish I could be present to savor the contrast.

Incidentally, I hope I will be seeing you at the Council's annual meeting in Atlanta on November 12th.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 11, 1957

Dr. Gordon Hancock
Virginia Union University
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Dr. Hancock:

As the time for our 1957 annual meeting approaches, our nominating committee is about to begin its deliberations concerning officers and board members of the Southern Regional Council. I recall that last February you wrote, to my regret, that you did not feel that you could continue as vice-president and would soon be tendering your resignation.

Since we haven't heard further from you, I hope we can assume that you have reconsidered and will not feel it necessary to withdraw your name from consideration. In view of your earlier letter, however, I feel I should make sure at this point before the nominating committee meets.

I shall look forward hopefully to an affirmative reply.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 11, 1957

Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg
The Courier Journal
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Dorcas:

This is a reminder, probably unnecessary, that the time rapidly approaches for our new fiscal relationship with the state groups to go into effect. So that there won't be any delay on October 1st, I hope I will be hearing from you soon about the matters dealt with in my letter of August 20th.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

cc: Mr. Hugh Brimm

September 11, 1957

Mr. Duncan Hunter
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

Dear Duncan:

Since the grant-in-aid to the Alabama Council was only a few dollars short of the amount requested, you and Bob Hughes probably felt that no further correspondence between us is necessary. It occurs to me, however, that we should have in the files a letter from you indicating the Alabama Council's acceptance of the grant under the conditions set forth in my letter of July 19th.

As you know, the membership of all ex-officio (State appointed) representatives of SRC's board will automatically expire on October 1st, with the end of the affiliate relationship. We recently registered with dismay that this means we will lose your services on the board and the executive committee, at least temporarily. Happily, you are eligible for re-election as a regular member at the November meeting, and it is my personal hope and belief that the nominating committee will see the wisdom of so doing.

This is a good time for me to tell you how much I have admired and appreciated your contributions to the executive committee's deliberations. We have had some knotty questions to work through, and nobody could have shown sounder and fairer judgment than you have.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 11, 1957

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Mr. Muse:

We have received your letter of September 7th, addressed to Miss Florence B. Irving, requesting information on Southern counties having Negro population in excess of 82.1%, which represents the Negro population of Charles City County, Virginia. Unfortunately, we do not have in this office complete county by county population breakdowns according to race dated later than the 1950 census; the public library is also unable to provide later population figures which include a racial breakdown.

Although I am afraid the 1950 information may be of no use to you, I am listing below the four counties found to have non-white population percentages of 80.0% and above, according to the census. This source shows the Charles City County non-white population to have been 81.0% of the total (non-white: 3,786; white: 890) in 1950; you will note that the counties listed below all exceed that figure.

	% Non-white	Total Non-white	White
ALABAMA			
(1) Greene County	83.0	13,682	2,800
(2) Lowndes County	82.2	14,804	3,214
(3) Macon County	84.4	25,784	4,777
MISSISSIPPI			
(4) Tunica County	81.8	17,725	3,939

The Rand-McNally Commercial Atlas lists estimates of 1956 total population in these counties, and shows that in each instance the total population has declined since 1950.

	1956 Estimate	1950
ALABAMA		
(1) Greene County	14,200	16,482
(2) Lowndes	14,600	18,018
(3) Macon	30,100	30,561
MISSISSIPPI		
(4) Tunica	20,400	21,664

Computations based on a comparison of the 1956 estimate of total population and the 1950 census figures would not, of course, help us to determine changes in white-non-white proportions.

I do find in our newsclip file an AP release stating, in regard to Macon County, Alabama, " A state revenue department estimate in 1955 fixed the white population at 4,703 compared with 27,234 Negroes." (Chattanooga Times, July 14, 1957.) If these figures are correct, the percentage of the Macon County total population which is non-white is 85.3. You will notice, however, that according to this estimate, the total population in Macon County in 1955 was 31,937, while the Rand-McNally Atlas estimate for 1956 was only 30,100.

Census figures do indicate that, unless startling increases have been made in the ratio of non-white to white population, the four counties listed above are the only ones which presently exceed the figure you quote for Charles City. You might like to contact the Alabama State Revenue Department for latest information on population in the three Alabama Counties; Doctor Harald A. Pedersen (Department of Sociology and Rural Life of the Mississippi Agricultural Experiment Station, Starkville, Mississippi) has, according to a March 10th newsclip, recently completed a study showing that 18 counties in Mississippi have gained in Negro population and lost in white population. Further information might be obtained from The Bureau of Vital Statistics in both Alabama and Mississippi; we have requested such information, but have received no replies from Alabama and Mississippi.

I am very sorry that we are unable to furnish you with the exact figures you need. Miss Irving, incidentally, resigned from the SRC staff in July and has returned to her home in Raleigh. I am attempting the very difficult job of taking her place.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bl

September 11, 1957

U. S. Printing Office
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Please send me one copy of the Department of Labor's recent publication, "They Are Americans", and bill me accordingly. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via,
Labor Consultant

EFV:fc

11 September '57

Mr. Wm. K. Williams, Exec.Dir.
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N.E. 2nd Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Billiam:

You AIR MAIL-SPECIAL DELIVERY letter arrived in due course and obtained the results you intended: we paid attention to it ! You ask for a copy of the By-Laws and Charter of the state organizations which have tax exemption for consideration by your attorney.

Both Kentucky and Texas have tax exemption at the moment. This tax exempt status was granted by the district offices of the Bureau of Internal Revenue. In both cases, however, the final question of tax exempt status is under review in Washington.

I am enclosing the By-Laws of Kentucky; the Texas By-Laws are directly copied from our old "suggested" By-Laws sent out in 1954. It is very important that you lend the copy of a report on tax exemption done by AJC which I sent out to all state organizations last January. That should be in your files.

If you want a copy of the Charter of either state organization I suggest that you write the respective offices and ask for it; we don't have copies on file here at the central office.

Glad to see you're moving ahead. Regards to all my friends down there, especially your good spouse and mother.

As ever,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/self*

*no secretary, yet !

September 11, 1957

U. S. Government Printing Office
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I would like to secure ten copies of Senate Report No. 2830, 84th Congress, 2d session. This is entitled "Selected Materials on the Economy of the South", and is a staff report of the Committee on Banking and Currency.

Please bill me accordingly.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via,
Labor Consultant

EFV:fc

September 12, 1957

Mrs. John T. McCall
3728 West End Avenue
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. McCall:

Thanks for your recent card. We did note the positive actions you mentioned and, of course, have been following the recent developments closely. It looks at the moment as though you who have worked to prepare the community will have cause for pride in the way the difficulties were faced.

Quantity prices on New South are: 25 - 50 copies at 17¢ per copy; 50 copies up at 15¢ per copy.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 12, 1957

Mr. Nat Griswold, Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 South Izard St.,
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat;

This is a letter of commendation for the good job you are doing in the Little Rock situation. We have had good reports from a variety of sources; all of them have spoken highly of your contribution out there.

Harold will call you before you receive this but I wanted to add a personal note of thanks for what you have done. These are troubled times and it takes a person with dedication and skill to measure up to their demands. In our book you measure up. Best regards.

Cordially,

Fred B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/rtb

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

September 12, 1957

Mr. Frank Blair
News Editor, TODAY
NBC Television Network
Rockefeller Center
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Blair:

It is our understanding that Joe Michaels of your staff is to visit Harris County, Georgia. He will have, we believe, a most difficult assignment and we await the results with much interest.

It occurs to us that Mr. Michaels might be interested in talking with Mrs. Durand Miller, Chipley, Georgia, (Harris County). For many years Mrs. Miller has been active in promoting better understanding among the people of her area and she might be able to direct Mr. Michaels to several persons whom he might not otherwise meet. Mr. Michaels will find her cooperative, we believe, if he mentions that she was suggested to him by Mrs. M. E. Tilly, our director of women's work.

We continue to admire and appreciate your excellent and objective coverage of this region.

If we can be of any service in providing factual information, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

September 12, 1957

Mr. Robert Rowe
Director of Education
Kentucky State Federation of Labor
312 Armory Place
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Bob:

Just a reminder of the Southern Newsletter which I talked with you about at Daytona.

Eugene Feldman is listed as editor; Perry Cartwright is the circulation manager. One of the articles was written by Dr. Oakley C. Johnson. Their address is P. O. Box 1307. The July 1957 issue was sent out to promote subscriptions and is tabbed as Vol. 2, No. 5.

Enclosed is a copy of their mimeographed subscription appeal.

Any information that you have as to how this group relates to the labor movement in Kentucky or to groups interested in desegregation would be appreciated.

It was good to have seen you at Daytona and I trust that it won't be too long before we are together again.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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Enclosure - 1

September 13, 1957

Mr. Carl Griffin, President
Alabama Labor Council
AFL-CIO
604 Lyric Bldg.
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Carl:

I would like to have your suggestion of a woman from your state who is both a church woman and a unionist who would be interested in participating in the meeting of the Fellowship of the Concerned described in the enclosed materials. My guess is that it would be simpler not to try to make this any kind of official representative, since the Fellowship itself is not a delegate body. Your personal suggestion is all that is needed.

The Fellowship of the Concerned has been made up of thoughtful church women who wish to give prayerful consideration to the problems of the South and who seek ways to give expression to their own religious motivations in the broad field of social action. Mrs. M. E. Tilley of our staff gives the group leadership along with many volunteers all over the South; it is a group which over the years has engaged in sensible and helpful projects to aid the cause of decency and democracy.

Unfortunately, few, if any of, these church women also happen to be union members. This is a double loss: one to the individual union woman and the groups to which she belongs, and, secondly, to the Fellowship of the Concerned which misses the opportunity of being in contact with lively union points of view even if they are expressed in informal discussions. It is in the effort to remedy this lack that I write you and a few other union leaders in other Southern states. Either a staff person or local member of quality would do. Mrs. Tilley is prepared to cover

the transportation and hospitality cost for one such union woman from each Southern state.

Your attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated and I look forward to some word from you as to your suggestion within a week, if it is possible; Mrs. Tilley then would correspond directly with the person involved.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via,
Labor Consultant

EFV:fc

this same letter sent to the following:

V. H. Williams
Ark. State Fed. Labor Council
Little Rock, Ark.

Sam Ezelle
Ky. State Federation of Labor
Louisville, Ky.

Emile J. Bourg
La. State Labor Council
Baton Rouge, La.

W. M. Barbee
N. C. State AFL-CIO
Raleigh, N. C.

E. T. Kirkland
S. C. Labor Council
Columbia, S. C.

Stanton E. Smith
Tenn. State Labor Council
Nahsville, Tenn.

Harold Boyd
Va. State AFL-CIO
Richmond, Va.

September 13, 1957

Mrs. John W. Curry
163 S. Cait Street
Florence, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Curry:

Again the "Fellowship of the Concerned" will have a workshop here in Atlanta at Wesley Memorial Church, October 28 and 29. The subject will be The Challenge of Controversy.

We are more than anxious to have you be with us and I would appreciate hearing from you. We have funds for your transportation and you will stay at the women's dormitory of Atlanta University along with quite a group of others who will be in attendance. Thelma Stevens, Mrs. Stamats and Dr. W. J. Faulkner will be among our leaders.

You would certainly be a valuable addition to our group and add much to the discussion. In fact we need you.

Sincerely hoping you will be with us, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 13, 1957

Mrs. Jean Russell
824 Tusculm Boulevard
Greenville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Russell:

Enclosed you will find a sheet giving you information about the workshop of the "Fellowship of the Concerned" which is being held here in Atlanta October 28 and 29. We most certainly want you to be with us.

Added to the request for your presence I am asking you to send me the name of your state officer of social action in the following states: Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, the Carolinas, Louisiana and Kentucky. We will forward the information to them. As the time is short, we would appreciate a quick reply.

It has been a joy to know Mrs. DeBusk's daughter.

Hoping you will be with us, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 13, 1957

Mrs. E. W. Willis
430 State Street
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Willis:

Again the "Fellowship of the Concerned" will have a workshop here in Atlanta at Wesley Memorial Church, October 28 and 29. The subject will be The Challenge of Controversy.

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Sincerely hoping you will be with us, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 13, 1957

Mrs. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

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Sincerely hoping you will be with us, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 16, 1957

Mr. Bernadine McKenna
Acquisitions Department
The Library
The John Hopkins University
Baltimore 18, Maryland

Dear Mr. McKenna:

Thank you for your letter of September 11, requesting material of the Southern Regional Council. Yes we can put you down for a standing order for our material if you so desire. I would suggest that you subscribe to our monthly publication NEW SOUTH, a copy of which is enclosed. Some back issues of this magazine are available and will be sent on request.

Would your organization be interested in our special reports we put out from time to time? These reports are not printed but are mimeographed in quantity.

Again thanks and please let me know if I can be of additional help to you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

COPY TO: HCF
FBR

September 16, 1957

Mr. Harry S. Jones, Executive Secretary
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street - Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jones?

Thank you for your letter of September 13. I had just pulled a copy of Harold's letter to you of August 20, so that I could write you concerning the balances due SRC through September 30, 1957.

I thought I understood your note concerning the secretary's salary, but Paul Anthony thought differently, therefore, the check for $100.00 was sent. Of the total $2,500.00 allocation for secretaries' salaries for the year ending September 30, 1957, we will have paid a total of $2,168.82, leaving a credit balance of $331.18 toward payment on the $350.00 loan. You will only owe us a balance of $18.82.

If we have not received the balance of $150.00 salary supplement by September 27, we will deduct same from your September 30 salary check. However, we hope that we will not have to do this.

The New South check has not been received for the August list sent.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

rha

September 16, 1957

Mr. Basil Karp, Education Consultant
American Committee on United Europe
120 East 56 Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Karp:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 10, requesting materials. I am sending you, under separate cover, some of our material which may be helpful to you. I would also suggest that your organization might be interested in our monthly publication NEW SOUTH which is $2.00 per year. Sample copies of the magazine are enclosed.

Please let me know if I can be of additional help to you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

September 16, 1957

Mr. Leo Driedger
The General Conference Mennonite Church
Board of Christian Service
722 Main
Newton, Kansas

Dear Mr. Driedger:

Thank you for your letter of September 12, 1957, concerning our organization.

I am mailing you, under separate cover, some sample copies of our material. Our monthly magazine is $2.00 per year and back copies are available upon request.

There are some excellent film in the area of race relations, but our films on this subject are distributed by the Anti-Defamation League, 41 Exchange Place, S. E., Atlanta, Georgia. I am sure they will be interested in any request you might have.

I am referring the portion of your letter on temperance to the Georgia Temperance League which is located in our building.

I hope this material will be of some help to you and if I can send you additional material, please let me know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

September 16, 1957

Reverend Glenn O. Canfield
First Unitarian Church
Dixie Highway at S. W. 29th Road
Miami 36, Florida

Dear Mr. Canfield:

Since Mr. Fleming is out of the office for several days, I thought I would send you some material on Washington, D. C. which you requested. Enclosed are three pamphlets which may help you. I will pass your letter on to Harold as soon as he gets back into the office and he may have some additional material to suggest.

With sincere best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/mf

Enclosures:

Miracle of Social Adjustment...

"The Right of Every Child"

Working Together

September 18, 1957

Mr. R. E. Vander Ross, Editor
"Neptunus"
Fairview Road
Wynberg. C. P.
South Africa

Dear Mr. Vander Ross:

Thank you for your very nice letter of August 19. Certainly we remember you and very pleasantly so.

I am pleased that you find our publications of use. You may reproduce passages from any of the material published by the Southern Regional Council, as long as proper credit is given. I am also sending you under separate cover some additional material which you may find of interest to you in your work.

Again thanks for your kind comments.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

September 18, 1957

Mr. Frank W. McCulloch
Committee on Finance
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCulloch:

Thank you very very much for your work concerning the reprints in the Congressional Record. We are extremely grateful for the time you have given us concerning this material.

The proofs are in good shape with the exception of two places which are marked. One evidently is just a typo and the other is corrected information based on a later report.

Enclosed is our check for $171.70 made out to the Public Printer. I do not believe we will need extra copies but thanks for the reminder.

Again thanks for the very fine work on this project.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encls.

September 18, 1957

Mr. James Harden
UAW - AFL-CIO
95 Merritts Avenue, NE
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Jim:

Attached is airline ticket stub indicating my transportation cost to Junaluska and return.

My total expenses were:

Air travel	$34.82
Ground transport	1.25
One meal	.95
TOTAL	$37.02

It was good to have been with your group; you certainly had turned out an impressive number. I'll be seeing you in Atlanta.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Emory F. Via,
Labor Consultant

EFV:fc
encl.

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

September 18, 1957

Mr. Richard K. Bennett
Phoebe Waterman Foundation, Inc.
1701 Arch Street, Rm. 422
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Dick:

Delighted to hear from you and even more delighted that you are coming South. Several of us here have just returned from a meeting of the Consultative Conference on Desegregation in Washington, where we were with a goodly representation from the AFSC. I am sending this air mail special in the hope that it will reach you before you leave.

Of course, we will want to see you and spend as much time and discussion as you will find useful. I will be in the office on the morning of the 26th and will be looking for you. Meanwhile, I will be giving some thought to other people in the Atlanta area whose views would be helpful to you.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 20, 1957

Mr. Jack Sessions
I.L.G.W.U., A.F.L/C.I.O.
1710 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Dear Jack:

My schedule is beginning to get crowded and I would appreciate further word from you as to how and when you would like to use me at the Training Institute. You had originally suggested late October or some date in November as the most likely times. This would still suit me except in the case of conflict with previous specific commitments.

I would suggest that we plan to use the film made of George Mitchell's map talk. It's a good film, and useful in presenting background information.

I realise that your own planning may have changed by this time, but otherwise I am looking forward to being with you in the near future.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via,
Labor Consultant

EFV:fc

September 20, 1957

Mr. A. R. Suritz
Barry's Inc.
101 East Main Street
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Bob:

Cheers for the good job you got Oberdorfer to do on Somerset. I knew Don when he was in Atlanta and am glad to see him doing such good work for the Charlotte Observer.

It would be of great help to us to have the full series on Somerset, if you could get it for us without too much trouble.

This whole episode, plus your story about the Negroes attending a WCC meeting, confirms my growing belief that nobody could have invented this fantastic Southern situation. Even George Orwell would have fallen short.

Regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 20, 1957

Mr. Hugh Brimm
2801 Lexington Road
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Hugh:

Thanks for your recent letter. As it happened, a letter from Miss Ruthenburg crossed mine in the mails.

I realize that you have a great many things to work out, and I do not mean to push you unduly. So long as we hear from the Kentucky Council about its final plans in time to get the first quarterly check out as of October 1, all will be well.

I am enclosing our check for $100.00 for your forthcoming meeting of consultants.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 check ($100.00)

cc: Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg

September 20, 1957

Mr. M. A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

You will recall that $5,000 of our grant from the New World Foundation was designated for an internship program in our field work activities. SRC is one of a number of such agencies which, under foundation grants, are recruiting promising young people for professional human relations work.

These openings have been nationally publicized, and in addition we have made our position known to appropriate persons in the South. Of the several applications we have received, only one seems to meet the requirements of the position. This was submitted by a young Atlanta man named Machion Garrison. I am enclosing a biographical resume and several letters of recommendation. Fred Routh, C. H. Parrish, and I have interviewed Mr. Garrison and judged him to be a pleasant, intelligent, and alert person.

This is a recommendation to you, as members of the Personnel Committee, that we employ Mr. Garrison as Field Work Intern for a period of one year at a salary of $3,600. Should he prove sufficiently promising we would hope to continue him as a regular staff member beyond the one year period.

If you wish further information on this applicant, please let me know. Otherwise, I shall look forward to your response to this staff recommendation.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

HCF/mf
Enclosures

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

September 20, 1957

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

You will recall that $5,000 of our grant from the New World Foundation was designated for an internship program in our field work activities. SRC is one of a number of such agencies which, under foundation grants, are recruiting promising young people for professional human relations work.

These openings have been nationally publicized, and in addition we have made our position known to appropriate persons in the South. Of the several applications we have received, only one seems to meet the requirements of the position. This was submitted by a young Atlanta man named Machion Garrison. I am enclosing a biographical resume and several letters of recommendation. Fred Routh, C. H. Parrish, and I have interviewed Mr. Garrison and judged him to be a pleasant, intelligent, and alert person.

This is a recommendation to you, as a member of the Personnel Committee, that we employ Mr. Garrison as Field Work Intern for a period of one year at a salary of $3,600. Should he prove sufficiently promising we would hope to continue him as a regular staff member beyond the one year period.

If you wish further information on this applicant, please let me know. Otherwise, I shall look forward to your response to this staff recommendation.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

HCF/mf
Enclosures

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

September 20, 1957

Mr. Claude A. Barnett
The Associated Negro Press, Inc.
3531 South Parkway
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Mr. Barnett:

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your recent letter. You're more than kind to offer to strengthen our hand with our foundation sources.

You may recall that we have had major assistance from the Fund for the Republic, an independent fund created by the Ford Foundation and headed by Dr. Robert M. Hutchins. The Fund has recently given us a grant for a further period, but a letter from you to Dr. Hutchins commenting favorably on our information program would help greatly. The address is:

Dr. Robert M. Hutchins
President
Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

I hope it isn't an imposition for me to make one further request. A letter of commendation from you, addressed to the Council itself, would support us substantially in our request to other foundations and potential contributors.

Events have certainly moved swiftly, if not smoothly, since our meeting at Capahosic. Although we and our state councils have been

active in the troubles of recent weeks, like many people we feel a great sense of frustration. I do hope you will pass on to me any suggestions that occur to you as to how we may better serve the ANP and constructively influence the press in general.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 20, 1957

Miss Ellen B. Armstrong
63 Canal Street
Port Jervis, New York

Dear Miss Armstrong:

How kind of you to remember us so generously. The encouragement of good friends means a great deal to us at this particularly difficult time.

We had a good long letter from Alice and George recently and rejoiced that they were finding life in Scotland pleasant if strenuous.

All of us here join in warm greetings to you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 official receipt

September 20, 1957

Professor Lloyd A. Skiffington
Adviser to the Northeastern University
Student Union
Northeastern University
Boston 15, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Skiffington:

You have probably written us off long since. I have delayed answering your letter until I could discuss your invitation with a member of our board who might conceivably be able to represent us at your conference.

Unfortunately, this possibility has not worked out, and I know of no other way in which we could manage appropriate representation.

Of course, there are a number of people in the New York-New England area who could do a good job for you. One out-of-the-ordinary possibility that occurs to me is Miss Katharine Taylor, 41 Hawthorne Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts. In connection with her consultant work with foundations, Miss Taylor paid us a visit several months ago, and we were very much impressed with her insight into human relations problems. She might very well feel that her knowledge of segregation and the South are not sufficient for your purposes. But I feel sure that any presentation she might make on civil rights would be a wise and illuminating one.

I am sorry that it is not possible for the Southern Regional Council itself to provide a speaker.

All good wishes for the success of your conference.

Sincerely,

HCF/mf

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

September 20, 1957

Mr. Herbert M. Davidson
DAYTONA BEACH MORNING JOURNAL
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Herbert:

Delighted to learn that you are going to be in Atlanta for three whole days. Fred and I would like to book the evening of Sunday the 10th. I will give that information to Mr. Hutchings when he calls.

We will take care of the hotel reservation and look forward to seeing the two of you here.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 20, 1957

Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Post Office Box 6056
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Dr. Hancock:

I know that the Executive Committee and the Board will receive your resignation with the same deep regret that I feel. History will surely reserve a prominent place for the record of your leadership in this movement and in the South.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 20, 1957

Miss Annette Tocci
Educational Associate
Public Affairs Pamphlets
22 East 38th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Miss Tocci:

I have read the SPSSI pamphlet with great interest and think very highly of it. I doubt, however, that we will be able to buy more than a modest quantity. At the moment I am waiting for other members of our staff to have an opportunity to read it.

Meanwhile, I am enclosing a couple of lists that may be helpful to you in promoting the pamphlet among ministers and other religious leaders. One of these is a list of religious publications, the other a list of Council of Churches leaders in the South.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2 Lists

September 20, 1957

Dr. A. C. Miller
Executive Secretary
The Christian Life Commission of the
Southern Baptist Convention
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Miller:

It was thoughtful of you to let me know that you would not be able to be with us at the Washington meeting. My only wonder is that you are able to meet as many of the demands upon you as you do. Some of the sessions in Washington were, I think, very useful. You will be getting a report of the conference in due course.

Since I heard from you, all of us have been encouraged by the turn for the better in Nashville. It is a pity that it so often takes a catastrophe to work local leadership up to the proper pitch. But it is encouraging that Nashville did not allow the hoodlums to reverse the course of desegregation. This is a real tribute to the devoted work that you and the other positive leaders in the community have done.

I hope we will find ourselves together again before long.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 20, 1957

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

What good news!

Anything you are likely to do would be a credit to SRC - if we could claim it, which we can't. Do keep me in mind as one who is eager to read your book at the earliest opportunity.

Your article, "The Man Across the Table," was a classic. Many people have told us, in conversations or in letters, how much they appreciated it.

The next big question will be how we can get your book read throughout the land. Has Knopf raised the question of a paper back edition? If not, I hope you will be able to inject the idea into your discussions. Another possibility is an excerpt or condensation in one of the mass circulated magazines. I understand that a forthcoming book on the South by Harry Ashmore is going to get this kind of treatment. I can think of no reason, short of lack of enterprise by the publisher, why yours should not.

As one step towards this end, wouldn't it be a good idea for Frank Kelley, the Fund for the Republic's vice-president for public relations, to see the manuscript and offer suggestions. It doesn't seem to me that this would be any great presumption, since the Fund financed you.

Enough for these gratuitous suggestions. Let me know if we can help along the way.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 20, 1957

Dean B. R. Brazeal
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Brazeal:

It just recently occurred to us, by a fluke, we will lose your valuable services on the Executive Committee and the Board as of October 1st. As you know, the ex-officio members elected by the state affiliates will automatically terminate their membership when the new arrangement goes into effect on that date.

You will be receiving a formal letter of notification and thanks from Mr. Wright. But I wanted to write you this personal note of appreciation and my hope that you will be with us in regular status after the action of the Nominating Committee and the Board in November.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Do not Circulate

September 23, 1957

Miss Lucy W. Brown
Community Development Division
International Cooperation Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Miss Brown:

Carson Pritchard asked me to write you about the qualifications of M. T. Puryear, presently associated with the Southeastern office of the National Urban League.

While my own acquaintance with Mr. Puryear is slight, I have made a few discreet inquiries among persons more familiar with both his personal and professional qualities. The findings are quite favorable. Mr. Puryear is regarded in the community as having a pleasant, poised, balanced personality. His diversified occupational background, including his overseas experience, has given him adaptability and breadth of interest. He is considered an able professional in the vocational field.

In short, it would seem that he is well suited for the type of work for which you are considering him.

Although this is largely a second-hand appraisal, it is based on conversation with personnel of allied agencies who have known Mr. Puryear over a period of time.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. J. Carson Pritchard

VIA AIR MAIL

September 23, 1957

Mr. Frank Loescher
414 South 46th Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

This is to confirm our agreement by telephone this morning that you will undertake certain consultant services for the Southern Regional Council. Here are the highlights of our agreement as I understand it. Let me know if you feel anything should be changed.

1. Our arrangement will be, for the time being, on an informal month-to-month basis, at a monthly fee of $200, beginning October 1, 1957.

2. We recognize that this will permit you to give only a limited amount of time exclusively to SRC's interests, but our mutual feeling was that many of the people you will be seeing in other connections may suitably be interested in our work.

3. Within these limitations, we will look to you (as indeed we have to a considerable degree already!) as a kind of "up-east representative" to tell our story to foundation people and others who can be helpful.

4. We also agreed that you might represent SRC at appropriate meetings and conferences that you find it possible to attend.

5. Undoubtedly there will be many occasions in which I or others can backstop your efforts or follow through on leads that you develop. Don't hesitate to call on us for this staff support, and feel free to telephone me collect.

I realize that a final commitment from you must await checking with your advisory group. We'll consider ourselves blessed if there are no obstacles and you can work with us in this way.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 23, 1957

Social Work
95 Madison Avenue
New York 16, New York

Gentlemen:

Please send us a copy of Volume 2, Number 3, of the Social Work Journal for July, 1957 and bill us for cost.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Same ltr. sent to all state ex-officio board members — Excluding Dr. A.C. Miller Tenn.

September 23, 1957

Mrs. Nanie B. Aycox
Texas Southern University
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Aycox:

As you know, in 1954 when the affiliated arrangement was worked out between SRC and state councils, it was provided that the chairman and one elected representative of each state affiliate should serve ex-officio on SRC's board. When the state councils become independent organizations on October 1, this ex-officio representation will automatically terminate.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank you for your devoted service to the Southern Regional Council while necessarily giving your special energies to the state group. Your assistance has been immeasurably helpful and we are deeply grateful.

The establishment of autonomous groups in the various states has long been a goal of the Southern Regional Council; we feel that this event is a significant one in the progress of the interracial movement. While much remains to be done, as in all states, we feel the Texas Council has made a laudable beginning. Our proposed grant-in-aid for 1957-58 is to some degree our tangible expression of the faith we have in the future of your organization. Please know that at present and in the future we stand ready to be of any possible service.

We look forward to a continuing relationship in this vital Southwide effort.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

M. A. Wright
President

MAW/mf

Encls: "Race in the News"
Staff memo - re: Press Relations - H.C.F.
N.Y. Herald Tribune Reprint - Apr. 16, 1950
Newsweek - Time Reprints - Oct. 3, 1949

September 23, 1957

Mr. Alan Reitman
Assistant Director
American Civil Liberties Union
170 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Alan:

Here are a couple of things that may spark one or two ideas for your work with the Southern chapters. Pretty elementary stuff, but I gathered that was the level you are aiming at.

It was good to see you in Washington. I hope something results from our head-knocking.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures:

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September 23, 1957

Mr. Alex Morisey
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Alex:

I was glad that you were willing to take on the proposal for a manual on work with the media. We'll help in every way we can.

As an initial token of cooperation, enclosed are Race in the News (with the newsmagazine treatments) and a memo on press relations that I prepared for our state affiliates some time ago.

I hope to make the October meeting of the mass media committee.

Meanwhile, let me know if it would be helpful for us to discuss the outline by letter or telephone.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

September 23, 1957

Reverend Marion A. Boggs
Second Presbyterian Church
Third and Gaines Streets
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Boggs:

Thank you for your letter of September 19. We too have received considerable response to your article.

I mailed you some copies of the magazine with your article after returning from my vacation, but evidently they had not arrived when you wrote. However, I am sending you under separate cover some additional copies.

I also mailed you a copy of an editorial in the Presbyterian Outlook. Hope you received it.

Again thanks for your cooperation and if you have any additional material from time to time that we might use, I would appreciate seeing it.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

September 23, 1957

Publications Office
Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry
1790 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Gentlemen:

Please send five (5) copies of the G. A. P. Report No. 37, Psychiatric Aspects of School Desegregation, to the office of:

Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Room 432
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of $5.00.

Sincerely yours,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bl
Enclosure

$1.00 Check
kba

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September 23, 1957

Dr. Miller A. F. Ritchie
Hartwick College,
Oneonta, New York

Dear Miller:

Thanks for your good letter telling us of the healthy growth of Hartwick College. Indeed it must be heartening to a college President to find that the budget is balanced and a surplus is at hand. I am interested in the [redacted] in intergroup education which you are offering. Who teaches it and what is the content?

We have been in close touch with the situation in Little Rock, Nashville, and the three cities in North Carolina. Faubus is a frightened man and his use of the troops was a desperate effort to bolster his sense of security. Certainly the political aspects figured heavily in the decision too, but when I talked with him some two years ago I found him to be wishy washy and insecure. Many people in Arkansas told me he was a true liberal and the new hope for the state. I found this difficult to accept.

I am happy to learn you have been back in Dixie for I believe that enlightened spokesmen are a pre-requisite of progress. Sincere congratulations on the honorary degree from Roanoke College. You are, I am sure, one of its most illustrious alumni.

I am sorry that Betsy continues in poor health in that climate. I know you are torn between a sense of responsibility to your family and to the college. As a would be expert in human relations may I advise that the family come first.

Best personal regards to Josephine and the children.

As ever,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

September 23, 1957

Mr. Nat R. Griswold
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 South Izard
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat,

Many thanks for your letter of September 18. I have called Lillian Smith regarding possibilities of her attending your annual meeting on October 28. She has tentatively agreed to speak. Her only problem is that she is in the process of finishing her new novel. The deadline for its completion is October 15. She feels confident she can meet this deadline, but said that there is always the possibility of running a bit behind schedule which would make most difficult her attending. However, she indicated that even if she did not finish the novel by the deadline she might be able to run out to Little Rock for the meeting.

She was particularly pleased with the paragraph in your letter which said: 'We want her not to lure the timid to us, but to fortify the courageous in our state'.

She asked that you write her about the details of the meeting and other factors which might be of importance to her. She agreed to come without honorarium, but regretted that you would have to cover her expenses. You are very fortunate to get her on this basis (I am that good!). Her address is -

Miss Lillian Smith
Old Screamer Mountain
Clayton, Georgia.

I suggest you get in touch with her immediately.

Best regards to all.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

September 23, 1957

Rabbi Charles Martinband
Congregation B'nai Israel
P.O. Box 1326
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi and 'Little Mom':

Thank you for the note of September 19. I am distressed to learn that you have been hospitalized. I had not heard that you were ill so this comes as something of a shock. I trust that it is nothing serious.

I attended the Highlander Folk School sessions on 'The South Thinking Ahead'. This was a most worth while endeavour and the people who attended seemed to get a great deal out of it. Dr. Parrish, John Hope, and I were there from SRC. Myles told me that they would issue a rather full report on the various sessions held and I am sure he will send you a copy as you have requested.

We have been busy 'mixing' the Middle South. We have kept in close touch with Little Rock, Nashville, and the three cities in North Carolina. In spite of screaming headlines things go on at a fairly even pace most places. With the National Guard withdrawn from the High School in Little Rock it should be possible to bring about peaceful desegregation there.

I really feel sorry for you Mississippians, but feel confident that someday you too will rejoin the Union.

Love to 'Little Mom', best regards to you both.

As ever,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

September 23, 1957

To: Mrs. Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

This will authorise you to pay Dr. James Pierce $180.00 for consultant services and travel rendered to the Alabama Council on Human Relations. This money should come from unspent funds of the Alabama Council for the current fiscal year.

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

September 23, 1957

Dr. James E. Pierce
830 Carter Hill Road
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Jim:

Sorry, but there was a mix up on the question of a formal voucher requesting payment to you of $180.00 for services rendered to the Alabama Council on Human Relations. Bob Hughes just called me and said that he had intended for the letter itself to serve as a requisition and that no voucher should have been enclosed in his letter. He was out of the office with the flu, hence the delay in straightening this matter out.

Sorry for the delay.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

September 23, 1957

Dr. James E. Pierce
830 Carter Hill Road
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Jim:

We have received your letter requesting payment of $180.00 for consultant services rendered to the Alabama Council on Human Relations. We also have received the letter from Bob stating that this amount is correct. Unfortunately his secretary did not include a copy of the expense account. I regret that we are tied with bureaucratic red tape - but we are. I have asked Bob to forward the expense account to us, but apparently he is on vacation. Would you please therefore send us an itemized expense account and we will then send you a check for $180.00.

Your trip through the south of Alabama sounds exciting and promising. We are alarmed at the increasing incidence of violence in Alabama. Bob has suggested that he undertake a documentation of this growth of violence and we have given our hearty approval. We are about to get out a memo to all state organizations asking that they do the same. This should serve as good ammunition for the new commission provided for in recent civil rights legislation.

Thank you for the invitation to stop by. Whenever I get to Montgomery you are one of the first on whom I call.

Warm regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

September 24, 1957

Mr. Nat Griswold, Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

We are mailing you Air Mail Special a copy of the Police Report about which Harold talked with you. The section he had particular reference to begins on page 76.

Will you please return this as soon as it is feasible.

With very best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA
JAckson 2-8764

HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTORS OF STATE ORGANIZATIONS

FROM: RUTH HOUSE ALEXANDER, SECRETARY-TREASURER

SUBJECT: EMPLOYMENT TAXES

As you already know, beginning October 1, 1957, SRC will no longer handle the payroll for the State Organizations. This means that the salary checks for professional staff, as well as other staff personnel, will be issued by your own state organization. Therefore, it becomes necessary that you acquaint yourself with the handling of Government records; such as, an Employer Identification Number, Withholding Taxes and F.I.C.A. (Social Security) Taxes.

All that is necessary is for you to visit your District Director of Internal Revenue upon receipt of this memo and let him know that you will be withholding income tax and social security tax beginning October 1957, and he will supply you with the necessary forms and instructions for reporting such taxes.

September 24, 1957

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Father Eugene P. McManus
The Catholic Church
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Father McManus:

As you know, in 1954 when the affiliated arrangement was worked out between SRC and state councils, it was provided that the chairman and one elected representative of each state affiliate should serve ex-officio on SRC's board. When the state councils become independent organizations on October 1, this ex-officio representation will automatically terminate.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank you for your devoted service to the Southern Regional Council while necessarily giving your special energies to the state group. Your assistance has been immeasurably helpful and we are deeply grateful.

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We look forward to a continuing relationship in this vital Southwide effort.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

M. A. Wright
President

MAW/mf

September 24, 1957

Mrs. Virginia Grantham
115 26th Avenue South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Virginia,

We have received a letter from Molly Todd saying that the Tennessee Council owes you $50.00 for secretarial services rendered to the organization.

We will be happy to pay this amount, but we need your social security number. Please state the period of time in terms of months which this amount covers - the longer the period of time the less will be deducted in withholding tax. Sorry about the red tape, but we must keep our tax records straight.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

September 25, 1957

Mr. Richard Bennett
Star Route
Ambler, Pennsylvania

Dear Dick:

I am deeply sorry to hear about your father's death.

The postponement of your trip will not inconvenience us at all. I expect to be in the office next week and will look forward to seeing you than.

You have our sympathy and warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 25, 1957

Mrs. Dudley Moore, Director
Department of Community Service--USA
Unitarian Service Committee, Inc.
9 Park Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Moore:

Thanks for your letter about Ken Clark's book, "Prejudice and Your Child." We were lucky enough to get a few hundred copies of it through the Fund for the Republic. These we distributed with a memorandum suggesting program uses to our state affiliates and to other appropriate groups in the South.

But in the light of recent difficulties, your reminder is very timely. We can at least call attention to the book again and consider ways to bring its contents to bear directly in the desegregating communities.

It was good to see you and Hy at the Washington meeting. I hope some practical results will come of our discussions there.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL September 25, 1957

Mr. Morris H. Rubin, Editor
THE PROGRESSIVE MAGAZINE
Madison 3, Wisconsin

Dear Morris:

Thanks for your recent letter.

Things are happening at such a rate down here that I am not sure anyone can write any commentary that will not be out-dated by the time it gets into print. I do feel, however, that the time has come for me to offer something more constructive than excuses about the demands of this work. We are obviously in a state of permanent crisis and might as well accept the fact. In short, I will undertake the kind of occasional piece you suggest. When necessary, I will try to arrange a suitable substitute.

The good Miss Field of North Carolina wrote me about her suggestion to you that the Progressive devote a special issue to the South. Perhaps in view of the momentous developments of the last few days this proposal will strike you as a timely one. We have given some thought here ~~about~~ to what a special issue might contain and who the appropriate contributors might be. If you are seriously interested in this idea, let me know and I will pass along our ideas.

In any case, could you ~~write~~ give me your thinking on the length and subject matter of the first roundup piece? What kind of background and analysis of recent events, from our vantage point, seem to you most needed? Perhaps your trip to Texas sparked some ideas.

I am delighted that Gaylord is sharpening his political ~~activities~~ axe. Do give him my regards and encouragement. Since my vote doesn't count for anything in Georgia, I will even be willing to establish residence in Wisconsin so that I can vote for him.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 25, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thanks for your two recent letters. Things have been moving with such a breath-taking speed in the Little Rock crisis that we hardly know how to plan deployment of staff in the period just ahead. Naturally we want to be represented at both your executive committee and annual meetings.

I am afraid that attendance at your annual meeting is out of the question for me. As you may know, our own annual meeting takes place on November 12-13, with early arrivals and preliminary conferences complicating matters. We have tentatively agreed that Fred should plan to be there. Unless we hear otherwise from you or you hear otherwise from us that will be the plan.

That leaves the possibility of my being with you at an executive committee meeting in October. As matters now stand, it looks as though the weekend of October 12-13 would be the best time for me. If you can set up these dates, let me know and I will make my plans accordingly.

I am glad that you got a chance for some real relaxation, and that things are now looking up for the South Carolina Council. If I can consider your letter of September 23 a definitive statement of the South Carolina Council's intentions, I believe that will be sufficient for us to agree upon. We do need to

know how you would like to handle New South subscriptions. If you will write me about this, I will see that the rest of the staff is informed.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 25, 1957

Mr. Frank Wittow
Southeastern Academy of Theatre and Music
1140 Peachtree N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Wittow:

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Southern Regional Council, to thank you for playing the gracious host to Mr. Ijaz Husain. He said the evening spent with you and your colleagues was a highlight of his visit to the United States. Marge Manderson 'glowed' enthusiastically over the success of the evening.

It is my firm belief that a cultural exchange, such as this, is even more important than diplomatic relations in bringing about an understanding between the peoples of the various nations.

The United States is too often accused of being a materialistic nation with little or no cultural interests. It is good for foreign visitors to see first hand that this is not so. You, and others like you in the world of the theatre and music, are living proof that culture has come to the provinces.

Once more, a vote of thanks.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

September 25, 1957

Mr. Seymour Samet
American Jewish Committee
1208 Congress Building
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Seymour:

Sorry I didn't get to see you when I was in Miami, but things got completely out of hand and I was very rushed.

Enclosed is the information on Fred Leopold which I had intended to give you in Washington. I hope the meeting Tuesday evening went well. Drop me a note and let me know the outcome.

Unfortunately I did not get to see Joe Hall while I was home. I dropped by there but no-one was home.

Best regards. On to Little Rock!

Cordially,

Frede[redacted] B. Ro[redacted]
Assistant Director

Enc.

FBR:fcl

September 25, 1957

To: Mrs. Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

This will authorise you to issue a check to Bonita Valien in the amount of $836.26.

This should be labelled 'Consultant fee for services rendered the Tennessee Council'.

The money should be taken from the 1956/57 allocation to the Tennessee Council.

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

September 25, 1957

Mrs. Bonita Valien
Department of Social Science
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Bonita:

Here, at long last, is the check for your consultant work with the Tennessee Council. I deeply regret the long delay in paying you for the work you so ably did, but as you well know there are many complications involved.

It was good to be with you in Florida at the Conference of United Church Women. I believe that our contribution there, particularly yours, more than justified the expenditure of the funds involved. I share with you an awareness of the necessity of stressing rapid acceptance of the court decision by all. I believe the court was right in demanding a prompt and reasonable start.

I trust you heard the great white father last night. The only pity is that Mr. Eisenhower did not take a firm stand back in late May 1954. Perhaps now we shall see that the executive branch of Government will exert active leadership in this field. The great prestige of the office of the President and the high personal regard in which Mr. Eisenhower is held should be brought to bear on the side of righteousness.

Once more, my apologies for the delay in securing payment of our just debt to you. Please be reassured there will be no such delay when you do consultant work for SRC itself.

Warm regards to you and Preston.

Cordially

Cordially,

Enc.

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

September 25, 1957

Miss Margret R. Bloomer
Administrative Assistant
American Civil Liberties Union
170 Fifth Avenue
New York, 10, N.Y.

Dear Miss Bloomer:

We have received your letter of September 24 requesting a list of our affiliated state organizations. I note that the letter was addressed to Dr. Mitchell. He has retired to Scotland and his successor is Harold C. Fleming.

I am enclosing a list of the state organizations so that you may mail to them the 37th Annual Report of the American Civil Liberties Union. These state organizations will become unaffiliated as of October 1st, but we shall continue a close working relationship with them.

My warm regards to Pat Malin.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enc.

FBR:fcl

September 25, 1957

Mrs. J. Russell Henderson
110 North Cedar Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Henderson:

Enclosed you will see an announcement about a meeting here in Atlanta. Thelma told me over the phone that the Woman's Division would pay your way to this meeting. We certainly need you.

Please drop everything and be with us on these dates.

With love and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encl.

September 25, 1957

Mrs. Ralph Wilson
Route 3
Laurens, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Enclosed you will find a letter about our meeting "The Fellowship of the Concerned". Thelma has said that the Woman's Division would pay your way here. However, if they did not I most certainly would have because we need you.

Thelma and I think Mrs. Wilcox and her secretaries will stay at Atlanta University. Let me know if you prefer that to the Piedmont.

With best wishes,

Hurriedly,

Dorothy Tilly

DT:lec
Encl.

September 25, 1957

Mrs. Margaret Wilcox, Secretary
Christian Social Relations
2205 Old Knoxville Highway
Maryville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Wilcox:

You will see we have changed the meeting because of the Jurisdiction battle here at Wesley Memorial. This will make it possible for your secretaries to come to it. I shall take care of travel expenses. You can have reservations for them all at Atlanta University if you wish. I have rooms engaged. Let me know.

You will also note that you will have time for your secretaries and Thelma on the afternoon of the 29th.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encls.

September 26, 1957

Rev. Annie R. Campbell
Minister of Christian Education
Congregational Christian Churches
673 Piedmont Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 8, Georgia

Dear Rev. Campbell:

Please note from the enclosed letter the change of place and dates.

Many of our people are going to stay at Atlanta University rather than the Piedmont Hotel. I have plenty of rooms engaged out there. This will not conflict with the appearance of the girl from Alabama, because she was to be with us on Tuesday any way, and this will give us some time that morning.

I hope you will be with us on these dates. I would want you as a resource person in one of the discussion groups. All of our meals will be out there on the campus which will be lunch and dinner on the 29th and lunch on the 30th.

I will also have to know the number that will be with us. You will also note there will be time on the first afternoon for you to meet together with your own church people.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encl.

September 26, 1957

Dr. Dudley A. Ward, Executive Director
Board of Social and Economic Relations
The Methodist Church
740 Rush Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Dr. Ward:

Enclosed you will find an announcement of our South wide meeting of women. I would certainly love to have you be with us.

Would appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encl.

September 26, 1957

Mrs. Flora D. Supworth
961 S. W. 58th Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Mrs. Supworth:

We are meeting on the campus of Morehouse which campus joins Atlanta University and most of our women are going to stay in the girls' dormitory at Atlanta University. Do you want to be at Atlanta University or the Piedmont Hotel?

I certainly hope you will be with us because you meant so much to us last year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encl.

September 26, 1957

Mrs. Annie Tait Jenkins
Presbyterian Board
341 Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Annie Tait:

Please note the change in our place of meeting and also the dates. You will also notice that at 4:30 on the 29th it will be possible for you to meet with your group.

I would like very much to have you serve as a consultant in one of the discussion groups.

Our lunch and dinner on the 29th and lunch on the 30th will be out on the campus. Many of our women are planning to stay in the girls' dormitory at Atlanta University rather than Piedmont Hotel.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Dorothy Tilly
Director of Women's Work

DT:lec
Encl.

September 26, 1957

Mrs. John B. Moose
Box 457
Leesville, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Moose:

Please note the enclosed letter showing the change of place and dates for our workshop. We have not heard from you but I certainly would appreciate hearing.

You will note that it will be possible for you to have a meeting with your group the same date. However, I do not have the list of many Lutherans. If you will send me a list they will receive an invitation.

As you know we have funds for travel and entertainment.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encl.

September 26, 1957

Mrs. Esther C. Stamats
National Council of Churches
General Department of United Church Women
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mrs. Stamats:

You will note from the enclosed letter that we have changed both the place and the dates. This is due to the fact that the Wesley Memorial Building which is the center for the Methodist of the Southeast will have a meeting of our Jurisdiction. This date was set after the dates given me.

You will note that there will be time on the 29th for you to have your secretaries of Christian Social Relations to meet with you.

Would you rather stay out at Atlanta University which is across the street from Morehouse, rather than stay at the Piedmont Hotel? We have rooms engaged at both places and could accommodate you either way.

I hope you will have time to write your secretaries and let them know you will be here and will have an opportunity to meet with them. Of course I have written them that you will be with us.

With best wishes to you,

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encl.

September 26, 1957

Mrs. Patricia Ryan
Commission on Human Rights
Catholic Committee of the South
P. O. Box 694
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Ryan:

You can see from the enclosed letter that there will be an interfaith -- interracial meeting for two days. The subject of the workshop will be "The Challenge of Controversy".

I would certainly like to have you here and a leader of one of my discussion groups.

We have money for your travel and entertainment and if you can come, we can put you either at Piedmont Hotel or Atlanta University.

I would appreciate if you would wire me collect. You can mean much to us and I need you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encl.

September 26, 1957

Mr. Will Campbell
National Council of Churches
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Campbell:

Enclosed is a copy of an announcement of our South wide meeting. I hope affairs will be settled in Little Rock and elsewhere so you can be with us.

I had hoped that Mr. Hunt might be with us, but it is impossible for him to come.

Please let me hear from you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encl.

September 26, 1957

Randolph R.
Mrs. ~~Clara~~ Claiborne
The Episcopal Residence
108 Seventeenth Street, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Claiborne:

This is an announcement of an interfaith -- interracial meeting to be held at Morehouse October 29 and 30. I do hope you will find it convenient to be with us.

You will note that we do have a night meeting but it will be possible out there to have dinner, so you will not have to go home for the evening.

I am enclosing a card for your reply.

Appreciate hearing from you,

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encls.

Same letter sent to:
Mrs. S. L. Dixon
Mrs. William H. Borden
Mrs. Harry V. Richardson
Mrs. J. W. E. Bowen
Mrs. Benjamin E. Mays
Mrs. John H. Lewis

September 26, 1957

Mrs. W. R. Wilkes
1212 Fountain Drive, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Wilkes:

Please note the change in dates and place of the workshop of "The Fellowship of the Concerned."

We are enclosing a postal card asking you to tell us whether you will be there or whether you will not. Also tell us if you will like lunch both dates with the group and dinner the first night.

I would appreciate an early reply. If you cannot come we will put someone else in your place, so it is necessary to have a reply.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encl.

September 26, 1957

The Very Rev. Maurice V. Shean, C. O.
Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Shean:

I know you are busy and I trust I am not worrying you. I am requesting again that you send me some names of some people to invite to our meeting.

We are sending you an announcement showing the change of place and dates of our meeting.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encl.

September 27, 1957

Mrs. Aileen B. Mercer
1600 Monument Avenue, Apt. 204
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Mercer:

Enclosed you will find a letter explaining a Workshop we are having here in Atlanta October 29 and 30.

We are very anxious to have you with us. Not only are you a leader in the church but in Labor also.

I think all information is in the enclosure.

We are enclosing a card for your reply.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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Encls.

Signed in Mrs. Tilly's absence

September 27, 1957

Dr. F. D. Patterson, Director
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Patterson:

I am in receipt of two letters from you and I am glad that I will have the privilege of meeting Dr. Ellen Hellman. When she contacts me I will certainly meet her and show her some of the city and bring in some other groups.

Your second letter about Bishop Schaberg is also appreciated and you may be sure we will be glad to meet him and do what we can for him.

I have intended writing you to tell you our meeting of "The Fellowship of the Concerned" will be October 29 and 30. We will meet at Morehouse College. The gift from the Phelps-Stokes Fund has made this possible. Our general subject is going to be The Challenge of Controversy. Dr. W. J. Faulkner is going to be with us and from him we hope to gain the spiritual strength that we need.

Blessings upon you for helping me have this workshop, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 27, 1957

Mrs. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

I have not heard from you about our meeting of the Fellowship of The Concerned. But anyway I am giving you the change of place and dates - October 29 and 30. Our headquarters will be the women's dormitory at Atlanta University.

I certainly am glad of this change because we have never met in a Negro school before.

Please know that I need you and I want you.

Hoping you can be with us,

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 27, 1957

The Honorable Brooks Hays
514 Federal Building
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Honorable Hays:

I was surprised and greatly pleased that you took time to write me a letter in answer to my telegram upon your election to the high office in your church. I know you must have had a great many others which make me more appreciative.

I do not know how busy you are but there is something that I think would help the South if you could find it possible to do so.

Year after year I have called together the women church leaders of various denominations - three faiths and both races - groups about one hundred fifty to work together on problems of the day. This year we are meeting October 29 and 30. Please look at your calender and see if it would be possible for you to be with us, and speak to us on the night of October 29.

While this is a small group, it is a powerful group, great in leadership and great in courage. However, it is not an action group. We issue no statements but they usually come out with some definite plan they can quietly carry out.

We have met various times in the white Protestant churches. This time we are meeting at Morehouse College, one of your Negro Baptist Colleges.

Last year Dr. A. C. Miller of the Baptist Board was with us both days and did marvelous work for us. I think at this time a message from you is what we need.

These women are quiet workers so we give no publicity. I believe they are more effective because they are working quietly.

If you will wire me collect I would greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

VIA AIR MAIL

September 27, 1957

Mr. Will D. Campbell
Race Relations Division
National Council of Churches
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

As a one-man task force, you obviously have better things to do than sitting around writing articles. However, I feel that the Little Rock crisis imposes on all of us a duty to spell out the lessons for constructively minded people in the South. In forthcoming issues of New South, we are going to try to do this in terms of law enforcement and other techniques for orderly community adjustment to desegregation.

I think we need very urgently a good clear piece on the specific things that ministers and other religious leaders can do in these transition situations. We talked about some of these in Washington, but I think they need to be spelled out with the practical detail and illustration that comes from first hand experience. You are obviously the guy to do this. Will you?

Such an article could be anywhere from 1500 to 2500 words and can be written just as you would talk it to a concerned group.

As you might expect, we would like to run such an article in the very next issue, but we will adjust ~~the~~

the deadline to your convenience.

I do hope you will take it on. Believe me, I wouldn't ask it of you if I didn't think it would do a whale of a lot of good.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 30, 1957

Mr. John N. Popham
New York Times Bureau
c/o Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Pop:

Our research assistant was out on sick call today, so I haven't been able to get the complete rundown ready. But I am sending you this first installment, consisting mostly of the statistical book I mentioned plus the following notes which cue you to the most useful data. You may find it helpful to read the brief texts accompanying the tables. When you have finished with the book, please ship it on back.

We should be able to get off to you tomorrow the additional stuff on professional associations, voting, and the like.

It was mighty good getting together again. I was pleased to see what a good play the piece got in yesterday's Sunday section. You rang the bell that time. Incidentally, I got a letter only yesterday from Tartt Bell, head of the Friends Service Committee, Southeastern Office. He called my attention to your article on Kasperism of Sunday before last, hailing it as a classic and expressing the hope that we can give it wide reprint distribution. Naturally I agreed with him and we will see what we can do.

Following are the notes:

(1) Population of U. S., Non-South, and Southern States by Decades, 1900-1950. (Table 1, Swanson & Griffin, p. 15)

(2) Negro Population as a Percentage of the Total Population for U. S., Non-South, South, and Southern States by Decades, 1900-1950. (Table 3, S & G, p. 19)

(3) Increase or Decrease of Population for U. S., Non-South, South, and Southern States by Decades by Race, 1900-1950. (Table 4, S & G, p. 21) This shows how much greater the increase in white population has been in the South than the Negro.

(4) Percentage of Total Population Urban or Rural for U. S., South, and Southern States by Decades, 1900-1950. This shows the accelerating rate of urbanization in the South. (Table 5, S & G, p. 23)

(5) From another source: In 1900, 90 per cent of all American Negroes lived in the South; by 1940, 77 per cent; and by 1950, only 68 per cent. In 1900, only 18 per cent of Southern Negroes lived in urban areas; by 1950 almost half of Southern Negroes were urban.

(6) Migration--Natives of South and Southern States Living in Non-Southern States by Race, 1950. (Table 9, S & G, p. 31) See text accompanying this table for number of in-migrants to South.

(7) From another source: Education--Of the older generation of Negroes (born 1905-1909), 49.2 per cent have completed less than five years of schooling; of a younger generation of Negroes (born 1931-32), only 19.4 per cent have completed less than five years of schooling. Of an older generation (born 1905-1909), 24.1 per cent of Southern whites completed high school, and only 5.4 per cent of Southern Negroes; of a younger generation (born 1926-30), 42 per cent of the whites and 14.7 per cent of the Negroes completed high school.

(8) Per Capita income--for South and Non-South in Current Dollars, 1929 through 1952. (Table 51, S & G, p. 99) See the text accompanying this table for the white and Negro figures for 1952.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

30 September, 1957

Dr. George Wilson, Jr.
The City of Hope
13183 Van Nuys Boulevard
Pacoima, California

Dear Dr. Wilson:

The personnel committee of the Southern Regional Council has awarded the Internship to a young man here in Georgia. They gave careful consideration to your application and felt that you were too experienced to consider for an Internship. The Foundation which underwrote this program specified that interns be newly out of college and seeking to find their life's work. We believe the young man selected best fits the qualifications specified by the Foundation.

We had a considerable number of other well qualified applicants, but frankly most of them were too well qualified for an Internship and would have been better suited for a full-time professional position, and certainly this was true in your case. Unfortunately there are no openings for such a position at this time with the Southern Regional Council.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

30 September, 1957

Mr. Percy C. Daugherty
1131 Hunter Place, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Daugherty:

The personnel committee of the Southern Regional Council has awarded the Internship to Mr. M. S. Garrison.

Their decision was based, to a considerable extent, on our agreement with the Foundation underwriting this program that the Intern should be a young man, newly out of college, with little or no experience in this field. It is hoped, that through this method, new and promising persons may be given the opportunity to find their life's work in intergroup relations.

This in no way reflects on your ability. Indeed, the reverse is true for you were considered too experienced to be considered for the Internship. Had there been an opening for a fully qualified professional staff member you would have topped the list of those who applied.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

30 September, 1957

Mr. K. D. Ellis
California Hall
University of Redlands
Redlands, California

Dear Mr. Ellis:

Attached is a list of references which may be helpful regarding your interest in "right to work" laws. You will note that none of these are from state leadership or management that favour these laws - a deficiency which you may perhaps remedy.

I am enclosing the one piece of which I happen to have extra copies. Actually these laws are not of direct concern to us and you will find management and union organizations as well as appropriate publications of more value to you.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosures.

EFV:fcl

30 September, 1957

Mr. Lyman Jones
1518 Enfield Road
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Jones:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $528.99 in payment for consultant service which you rendered the Texas Council on Human Relations. Of this amount $260.00 is for consultant fees and the remainder - $268.99 - is for travelling expenses.

This check is being sent at the request of the Rev. E.G. Koppe, Executive Director of the Texas Council. Provisions for this consultant work were agreed upon by the Texas Council on Human Relations and the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.

FBR:fcl

cc: Mrs. Crate
Mr. Kloppe

September 30, 1957

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Directors of State Organizations

FROM: John Constable, Director of Information

SUBJECT: Prejudice and Your Child

Sometime ago each of you was sent a copy of the book, Prejudice and Your Child, by Kenneth Clark. It again has been suggested that this book can be extremely helpful to those of you working in the community on this particular problem. And so this is just to remind you that this particular book contains concrete suggestions for program action.

This includes:

"What Can Schools Do?"

"What Can Social Agencies Do?"

"What Can the Churches Do?"

"What Can Parents Do?"

We hope you will take another look at this book and recommend its use by positive elements in your community.

September 30, 1957

Mrs. Mildred McMurry
Director of Promotion
Woman's Missionary Union
600 North Twentieth Street
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Mrs. McMurry:

In answer to your letter of September 18, we have checked the accuracy of the figures you quote and our informational sources reveal the following:

1. 71% is a reasonably accurate percentage of Negro Americans having white ancestry. The only source known to us giving this information is Myrdal's An American Dilemma. This work states (page 132):

"Everything said so far about the racial character of the slaves originally imported, about miscegenation and passing in this country, and about the various general factors which have influenced the American Negro stock, has been highly conjectural and speculative...It is the merit of Professor Melville J. Herskovits that he has finally approached this problem directly and, taking his departure in anthropometric research of the present Negro group in American and its genealogy, has tried to ascertain the actual composition of the group.

"Herskovits' most significant finding was that 71.7 per cent of his presumably representative sample of 1,551 Negroes had knowledge of some white ancestry, and that 27.2 per cent knew of some Indian ancestry...This does not constitute proof of representativeness, however, because it is likely that each group of Negroes (from each section of the country) is an upper class group, and Herskovits does not define the degree of closeness of trait which constitutes similarity...The fact that many Negroes may not know of white ancestry of several generations back may, however, counterbalance the selective factor in Herskovits' sample and leave his figure of 71.7 per cent with white ancestry not too inaccurate. Thus, while we cannot say that existing research permits a definitive answer to the question

as to how many Negroes have some white blood, the best available evidence and expert opinion point to a figure around 70 per cent. This figure must tend to increase with time, if for no other reason than that full-blooded Negroes intermarry with mixed bloods and their offspring become mixed bloods."

2. "The six American cities having the largest Negro population are all north of the Potomac." The 1950 U. S. Census shows this statement to remain true, insofar as the population of the city proper is concerned. According to 1950 figures, the numbers of non-white residents in the six cities you cite are: New York City, 775,529; Chicago, 509,437; Philadelphia, 378,968; Detroit, 303,721; Washington, 284,031; Baltimore, 226,053. Los Angeles, California, however, increased by 116.2% in non-white population between 1940 and 1950; the 1950 total non-white population was 211,585. In fact, the non-white population of the standard metropolitan area of Los Angeles was 276,305 in 1950, a figure which exceeds the non-white population of Baltimore's standard metropolitan area (266,661). If you wish to use figures for the larger metropolitan area, then Los Angeles would replace Baltimore as the sixth ranking city in non-white population. We do not have accurate estimates of non-white population dated later than the 1950 figures.

3. "The Northern city with the highest proportion of Negro residents is in Indiana (Gary)." Unfortunately, we have no information which would confirm this statement. This office does not have U. S. Census reports for the Northern states; however, this source may be available to you.

4. "Negroes are predominately rural dwellers. (51.4 rural, 48.6 urban)." Population shifts have made this statement incorrect. According to The Negro Yearbook (1952, pp. 2): "In 1950, approximately 93% of northern Negroes, 47% of southern Negroes, and 92% of Negroes in the West were urban dwellers. Approximately 61% of the total Negro population was urban in 1950. Part of this increase may be due to changes in the Census definition of 'urban' and 'rural,' but there has undoubtedly been a significant increase in the proportion of Negro urban dwellers."

5. "The proportion of Negroes in the U. S. is increasing." The Negro Yearbook states, "While there has been an absolute increase in Negro population in every decade, the proportion which Negroes form of the total population has declined from 11.9% in 1890 to approximately 9.8% in 1950. Yet, in spite of this declining proportion of Negroes, the percentage increase of Negroes during the 1940-50 decade was almost twice that of the 1930-40 decade (15.1% against 8.2%), and was greater than the percentage increase of the total population, which was 14.5%.

We hope the above information will be of some assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to call on us if we may be of further help.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bl

Same letter sent to the following:

[redacted]
Mr. Fred Schmidt, AFL-CIO, VFW Building, Austin
Mr. Jerry Holleman, AFL-CIO , VFW Building, Austin
Rev. C. Wm. Black, 336 Nebraska St., San Antonio, Texas

October 1, 1957

Mr. William Petri
705 Shady Lane
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Petri:

Miss Maxine Lombard has asked that the enclosed material be sent to you. The Consultant who compiled the report on Texas is Mr. H. A. Bullock, Professor of Sociology and Chairman of Graduate Research, Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas.

In determining voter registration Mr. Bullock selected a number of Texas counties, determined the number of Negroes paying poll taxes and then estimated the number of Negro voters by conferring with county officials. Other county figures included in the survey were estimates based on the information from the sampling of counties.

Included here is the county by county breakdown of Negro voters in some counties of Texas. You will note that this is not a complete listing of counties but includes the counties with the highest proportion of Negro residence.

If I can be of additional help to you please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

October 1, 1957

Miss Maxine Lombard
1004 Navasota Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Miss Lombard:

Mr. Fred Routh has asked that I send you some information concerning recent voting material compiled on Texas. The Consultant who compiled the report on Texas is Mr. H. A. Bullock, Professor of Sociology and Chairman of Graduate Research, Texas Southern University, Houston Texas.

In determining voter registration Mr. Bullock selected a number of Texas counties, determined the number of Negroes paying poll taxes and then estimated the number of Negro voters by conferring with county officials. Other county figures included in the survey were estimates based on the information from the sampling of counties.

Included here is the county by county breakdown of Negro voters in some counties of Texas. You will note that this is not a complete listing of counties but includes the counties with the highest proportion of Negro residence. This material is also being sent to the others whom you listed.

If I can be of additional help to you please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

October 1, 1957

Miss Peggy Hammock
Correspondence Secretary
Southeast Convention
Pilgrim Fellowship
Langdale, Alabama

Dear Miss Hammock:

I will be happy to take part in your annual P. F. Convention. It will not be possible for me to be with you on both days of the meeting but either the 16th or 17th of March will be convenient.

Both days will be open but a reminder about March 1st would help to jog my memory as well as to indicate on which of the days you would like to have me present.

It will be a real pleasure to take part in this most worthwhile convention and you may be assured that we of the Southern Regional Council stand ready to be of any possible help.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

VIA AIR MAIL

October 1, 1957

Mr. John N. Popham
New York Times Bureau
c/o Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Pop:

Enclosed are some of the items we talked about as indicative of progress by Southern Negroes in recent years. Of course there are many other things, not subject to any statistical measure, that you can mention - for example, the department store's treatment of Negro customers, newspaper handling of news involving Negroes, the decline of the most flagrant types of violence, desegregation of interstate trains and waiting rooms, the integration of the armed forces, including Southern army military posts. These and a great many other sociological changes are old stuff to you. One thing we didn't discuss specifically, which sums it all up in a way, is the emergence of a solid Negro middle class, with appreciation of the values and status symbols that go along with this social stratum.

I am assuming that you will rely on the recent issue of Southern School News for the roundup of desegregation in the schools.

As you get into the writing of the article, call me if you find yourself needing other things that we may have.

As I dictate this, news of the meeting between Eisenhower and the governors hasn't yet come out. I was delighted to see

your story in yesterday's Times interpreting the complex position of the "moderates." If the ball is fumbled in this meeting - as is all too likely - it won't be for want of cueing by Popham.

Best as always.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Indices to Progress of the Negro in the South)

October 1, 1957

Dr. John H. Marion
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
1409 Chowan Road
Richmond 26, Virginia

Dear Jack:

I am enclosing our check to the Virginia Council for the first quarter of the fiscal year 1957-58. In spite of the fact that we have not yet heard from Carroll Brooke this has been done on the basis of our telephone conversation and your letter of September 28 giving confirmation of the Virginia Council's acceptance of the terms in Harold's letter of July 22. We do not want to hamper nor slow up the good work you are doing.

We have just received from your good spouse the final monthly report for this fiscal year from the Virginia Council. I am exceedingly pleased with the large amount of money you have raised. I sincerely believe that your services during the past three years will be long remembered in the Old Dominion as one of the major forces of progress. Virginia is going to have to face up to reality in the near future. It is an Upper South state with a Deep South posture and this strange position is not long tenable.

I promise you the same interest and co-operation in the months that lie ahead even though we are no longer officially affiliated. Affiliated we are, however, in interest, in dedication, and in common cause.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.

FBR:fcl

October 1, 1957

Mr. Patrick S. Rooney
4612 West 4th Street
Duluth 7, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Rooney:

Attached is a list of references which may be helpful regarding your interest in "right to work" laws. You will note that none of these are from state leadership or management that favour these laws - a deficiency which you may perhaps remedy.

I am enclosing the one piece of which I happen to have extra copies. Actually these laws are not of direct concern to us and you will find management and union organizations as well as appropriate publications of more value to you.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosures.

EFV:fcl

October 1, 1957

Mrs. Elizabeth Virrick
8400 Old Cutler Road
Miami, Florida

Dear Elizabeth:

Many thanks for your good letter of September 23. I have asked Mrs. Grace Hamilton, Executive Director of the Atlanta Urban League to call you and discuss what they did here to prevent the custing of the League from the United Fund. I did not have a direct part in the fight over the League, though I advised with several people on the problem.

You ask for statistical information on Negro migration; there is not too much that is new - however, I am asking our Research Assistant to dig up such information as we have and forward it to you.

I am sorry I have not called you when passing through Miami, but each time has been brief and rushed. I promise that next time through I will certainly give you a call and if possible come by for a cup of your good coffee. There is no need for you to feel apologetic about "bothering" me. You are near the top of the list of those from whom I like to receive letters, so please bother me some more.

I hope you are pressing on with your book. It is one that is much needed at this time. Unless we have integrated patterns of housing the desegregation of the schools will have little meaning.

Warm personal regards,

As ever,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

October 1, 1957

Dr. C. H. Parrish
926 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C.H.:

I am sending along as promised a copy of the letter from Kloppe. In it you will note that he suggests the meeting take place in Austin and that the second weekend in October is preferable. In my phone conversation with him I stressed that the meeting should be informal.

I hope it will be possible for both of us to get there on Friday afternoon, October 11. Without doubt we will be talking on the phone together before that time.

Best regards.

As ever,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

Same letter sent to Exec Dir in

Ark -(2)
Fla
Ga
Ky
NC
SC
Tex
Va.

October 1, 1957

Rev. Robert Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
1218 Comer Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Bob:

This date marks the beginning of a new relationship between your state organization and the Southern Regional Council.

For the past three years we have had official affiliation between your state organization, others like it in the Southern states, and the Southern Regional Council. I have valued the good work you have done; I have appreciated your cooperation; I have cherished your friendship.

I pledge you that in the months and years which lie ahead you shall have our cooperation and our friendship - both officially and personally. For, affiliated we are in concern for our region, in hope for a more democratic society, and in the common cause of working sensibly to bring it about.

My sincere thanks for past efforts and my best wishes for an increasingly bright future.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

October 2, 1957

Mr. Ed Kloppe
Texas Commission on Race Relations
504 West 24th Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

We were put in contact with Gustave Falk of the American Jewish Committee in Dallas. He seems to be a very fine guy with a lot of good contacts in Texas. I suggested to him that he attend our scheduled meeting in Austin the 11th and 12th.

Would you therefore please write and invite him to the meeting, giving him the details of where, when, and perhaps even why. It would be helpful if you would make hotel reservations for him the night of the 11th and notify him of which hotel.

I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.

FBR:fcl

October 2, 1957

Mr. Gustave Falk
American Jewish Committee
523 Fidelity Buildings
Dallas 2, Texas

Dear Gustave:

It was good to talk with you yesterday about the possibilities of my stopping off in Dallas to talk with the AJC. This I shall be glad to do.

I am writing our Director, Ed Kloppe, in Austin about inviting you to the inter-agency meeting to be held on October 11 and 12. I have asked him to make hotel reservations for you the night of the 11th.

You asked for some biographical material about me. I was reared in south Florida, received my A.B. and M.A. degrees at the University of Miami, and did my doctoral work at the Center for Human Relations Studies at New York University. During World War II I served as an officer in Naval Air Intelligence. I taught at the University of Miami in the Department of Human Relations for three years. I have been with the Southern Regional Council as Assistant Director for the past three years.

I trust this is sufficient information for your purpose.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

cc: Mr. Kloppe

FBR:fcl

October 2, 1957

Mrs. Virginia Grantham
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
416 Twenty-first Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Virginia:

You asked about the possibility of using some of the unspent funds allocated to Tennessee for the fiscal year 1956-57, pointing out that in June I had reported $2,600 then available. The important word in that sentence is the "then". Our agreement with the Fund was that monies would be spent on a month by month basis and that unspent state funds would be allocated to other purposes before the close of the fiscal year. This has been done, and therefore it is not possible for us to make the unused amount available to the Tennessee Council. I regret this, but it is based upon established policy and our financial agreement with the Fund.

We are delighted that you have such a fine group of officers. We are anxious to assist the Tennessee Council financially during the current 1957-58 fiscal year. This would require the coming together of the Executive Committee of the Tennessee Council and the spelling out of specific program proposals and budgetary requirements of the Tennessee Council. We have set aside for the Tennessee Council $3,000 for the fiscal year, contingent on a mutually satisfactory plan. The details of what we expect from the Tennessee Council are set forth in Harold Fleming's letter of July 22 and are again referred to in his note of September 11. The proposal already made by the Tennessee Council does not specify staffing, budget, and other specific details.

It would seem to me that there are enough people interested in the Tennessee Council to put up a "kitty" at this time to tide the Council over until a sufficiently detailed program, the means of carrying it out, and the financial basis for underwriting it, can be negotiated with SRC.

Continued . . .

Mrs. Virginia Grantham October 2, 1957

We deeply believe that the impetus for organized effort in this field must come from dedicated people on the local level and it would be fallacious to hope that we could inaugurate meaningful organizational programs from the top down. We will cooperate in every way possible in your efforts to build a responsible and meaningful organization in Tennessee.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

October 2, 1957

Miss Anna Holden
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Anna:

We have had to change the dates to October 29 and 30 and the place of meeting is now Sale Chapel at Morehouse College.

Do you want a reservation at Atlanta University women's dormitory or the Piedmont? A great many of us will stay at Atlanta University.

Yes we want you to stay over a day or two days. If you want to then you could move to the Piedmont Hotel and work here in our office. You do the job better than anybody else could do it.

With best wishes from all the office gang,

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 2, 1957

Mrs. Margaret Wilcox, Secretary
Christian Social Relations
2205 Old Knoxville Highway
Maryville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Wilcox:

As soon as possible let me know if you want all your secretaries to stay with you out at Atlanta University. We have rooms engaged if you wish. I will have to know as soon as possible so we can release them if they are not used.

Thelma will be there and some others beside your group. I am giving people the privilege of staying either at the hotel or Atlanta University.

Best wishes to you, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 2, 1957

Mrs. Mary Fort Colley, Vice President
Atlanta Distributing Terminals, Inc.
Grantville, Georgia

Dear Mary:

I regret very much that I was out of town Monday and Tuesday and only saw your letter this morning.

I hope you had Ralph McGill's articles. They certainly would have helped. I am enclosing a copy of his first one.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Tilly
Director of Women's Work

DT:lec
Encl.

October 2, 1957

Mrs. Ben Russell
824 Tusculum Boulevard
Greenville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Russell:

I think you can fully understand that our funds are limited to an extent, therefore we are bringing only one from a state. We have to date issued the following invitations, of course to you first of all, to Mrs. McCurdy of Birmingham, Mrs. Dennisson of Atlanta, Mrs. Hunt of Ft. Lauderdale and Mrs. Illery of South Carolina. If you would suggest to us who should come from Kentucky we would appreciate it.

Please note we have had to change the date to October 29 and 30. The Methodist are having a great powwow on our Jurisdictional set up here in Atlanta and I am certain we could not get mixed in any degree with this.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encls.

October 2, 1957

Reverend Sigismund A. Laing, Minister
Beth Salem Presbyterian Church
Corner Sixth Street and Fourth Avenue
Columbus, Georgia

Dear Mr. Laing:

Enclosed is informational material concerning the Southern Regional Council and the Georgia Council on Human Relations. For information concerning the League of Women Voters, I suggest you write the League of Women Voters of Georgia, 78 Marietta Street, N. W., Atlanta.

Also enclosed is a copy of our monthly publication NEW SOUTH.

If we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encls.

October 2, 1957

Miss Janet Edwards
Ellabelle, Georgia

Dear Miss Edwards:

In reply to your letter of September 30, 1957, concerning information, I wonder if you intended your letter to go to the Methodist Church or to our organization.

I am enclosing a brief resume concerning the Council. If you would like information from our organization, please write me in greater detail the type of information in which you are interested.

If you are interested in material concerning Methodist youth, I would suggest you write to Mrs. Phyllis Stough Heybach, at 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

October 2, 1957

Dr. W. J. Faulkner
Congregational Church of Park Manor
7000 South Park Street
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Dr. Faulkner:

When a promised letter from me does not materialize you may know I am busy working with some group on the problems of our South. I have been out of town for the last two days, leaving at seven in the morning and getting back at seven at night, meeting with about seven hundred women from various places over the state discussing with them the problems of the South.

So much for the delay in writing. This is to give you more information about our workshop. The subject is The Challenge of Controversy. This might give you some clue as to the messages you could give to us, however this is optional with you.

I would like a message to begin the workshop at 10:30, one for the evening hour and one to send us home at the close of the workshop on the 30th. You can write me how much time you want, any suggestions you have and what hymns you would like to be used. We will put them on the program which will be in the workbook.

We are meeting in Sale Chapel at Morehouse College and then break up into four discussion groups. Your reservation is at Ware Hall, Atlanta University. I am so grateful that you will be with us.

These messages should come from someone who knows of the suffering of people, who knows how to give directions and guidance. Therefore, we are more than fortunate in having you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 2, 1957

Mrs. L. L. Jackson
1413 Cleburne Avenue, S. W.
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Jackson:

I regret we had to change the date but the Jurisdictional hearing was slated for the 28th and 29th, and so many of our Methodist felt they could not be with us.

Indeed it is worth the cost to have you with us on the morning of the 29th, and if you can be with us please come for I need you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 2, 1957

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mays:

This is to thank you for giving us, "The Fellowship of the Concerned - Church Women Concerned About Their South," the privilege of holding a workshop on The Challenge of Controversy in Sale Chapel on October 29 and 30. We greatly appreciate the great service you are rendering us.

If you can spare any time we would certainly like you to greet us and remain with us as much as possible.

Deeply grateful, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 2, 1957

Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild
The Temple
1589 Peachtree, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Rabbi Rothschild:

This is to express to you my thanks for agreeing to write the prayer we need for our workshop on The Challenge of Controversy, to be held October 29 and 30.

I felt that out of your own heart and experience you could lead us in a prayer for this hour in Southern history.

Sincerely thanking you, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 2, 1957

Mrs. Esther C. Stamats, Director
Christian Social Relations
United Church Women
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mrs. Stamats:

Your letter has just been received. The following were invited:

Mrs. Gordon Goodall
Mrs. C. E. Biggerstaff
Mrs. Leon D. Sandborne
Mrs. E. P. Cudd
Mrs. Alvis McNeill
Mrs. Charles Goldthwaite
Miss Priscilla Shaw
Mrs. R. P. Richardson
Mrs. J. Everett Neese
Mrs. Marion L. Patton
Mrs. J. Birdsall Calkins

To date Mrs. Biggerstaff, Mrs. Sandborne, Mrs. Goldthwaite, and Mrs. Richardson have accepted. We have not heard from the others.

It will be wonderful to have you and I hope something worthwhile will come out of the workshop.

Best of wishes to you,

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 2, 1957

Mrs. William C. New
610 Jefferson Avenue
College Park, Georgia

Dear Mrs. New:

"The Fellowship of the Concerned - Southern Women Concerned About Their South" will have a workshop on the 29th and 30th of October here in Atlanta at Morehouse College. The subject will be The Challenge of Controversy.

The women of several denominations - Protestants, Jews and Catholics - will be in this group. We would like very much to have you with us and would appreciate if you would give us a list of Episcopalians to be invited. We would like some not only from Georgia but leaders in other states.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 2, 1957

Mrs. Bessie Rowe
1907 Morton Avenue
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Rowe:

Mrs. C. D. Townes has told us that you will be the representative from Louisville at the workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned. We are enclosing some information.

I suppose you will hear from Mrs. Wilcox, the Jurisdiction Secretary of Christian Social Relations.

We are delighted that you are coming.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encls.

EDITORIAL
Taken From: The Christian Century
Volume LXXIV, Number 40
October 2, 1957

HATS OFF TO THE WOMEN OF LITTLE ROCK

YOU HEAR IT over and over: "Just another resolution--what of it?" The belittling implied may be justified in some cases, but it definitely is not so far as the statement issued the other day by the concerned and resolute churchwomen in Arkansas' capital city is concerned. And so that others may join us in hailing the action taken by those women, we present it in full:

> The Council of Church Women of Little Rock and North Little Rock in called session September 9, 1957, go on record expressing our great concern over the situation which has developed in our communities. It is our Christian conviction that enforced segregation of any group of persons because of race, creed or color is a violation of Christian principles. The national and state bodies of the denominations which we represent are all on record with statements saying that the Supreme Court rulings regarding segregation in the public schools are in keeping with Christian principles. We reaffirm these statements of our denominations.
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> We believe in the right of dissent and the right of those persons who disagree to follow due process of law and order in efforts to change laws with which they disagree. We believe it is the obligation of every citizen to uphold what is the law of the land, and that citizens of this state have a right to expect their elected officials to use their offices to carry out obedience to the supreme law of the land. We are shocked and dismayed that the governor of our state has placed military troops within our community to defy the order of the federal court instead of upholding the law of the land. We feel the use of troops and the failure of these troops to disperse the curious and rabble-rousing crowds that have gathered at Central High School have produced tensions. This situation, we believe, would not have arisen had the board of directors of the Little Rock public schools been allowed to carry out their plans for compliance with the law of the land.

Editorial - 2.
Hats off to the Women...

We deplore the un-Christian acts of some of our citizens expressing hatred of others, which have made the headlines in reports around the world. We believe in the sincerity and good will of the majority of citizens in our communities. We are well aware that what is happening here affects the world mission of the Christian church and endangers the effectiveness of those who represent us in mission posts throughout the world. We want our Christian friends around the world to know that, as churchwomen and Christian citizens, we want to take our share of the blame for failure to create a climate that would have made it impossible for such a situation to develop. Our experience in race relations in our communities in recent years, however, convinces us that, though many of our citizens may not desire desegregated schools, they do believe in justice and right for all citizens, and in following a course of action that would be in keeping with the spirit of democracy of the Constitution of the United States, and with the principles of the Christian faith which we profess.

We call upon the Christian citizens of our communities and of our state to join us in (1) Praying to God the Father of us all to forgive us for our failure to live as children of one Father, and praying for his guidance and wisdom for us all, and especially for those on whom rests the responsibility for the solution of the immediate situation before us. We issue this call to prayer to all who will join us wherever they are at 12 noon Thursday, September 12, in a special time of prayer and meditation; (2) Expressing our confidence in the support of the actions of the boards of directors and the administrators of the public schools of our communities in their efforts to comply with the law of the land; (3) Treating every person as we would like to be treated; (4) Refusing to be a party to any act or word or idle rumor which will give rise to tension between groups in our communities; (5) Refusing to listen to persons seeking to arouse hatred and setting group against group.

October 7, 1957

October 2, 1957

Mrs. Elizabeth Virrick
8400 Old Cutler Road
Miami, Florida

Dear Mrs. Virrick:

Mr. Routh has asked that we provide you with recent statistics on the Migration of rural Negroes to urban areas, recent figures on Negro income by areas, and information on Negro rents in different sections of the country. We have virtually no up-to-date information of this nature; however, I have asked the Atlanta office of the U. S. Department of Commerce to provide you with any current information they may have. Mrs. Cawthorne, of that agency, is forwarding some material on migration and income directly to you.

I am enclosing some material, including a copy of an income chart taken from the 1955 Current Population Reports, Consumer Income, issued by the Commerce Department. Also enclosed is a copy of the August, 1957, Southern Newsletter which is titled "Population Shifts in South as Economy Changes." Unfortunately this article contains little information concerning exclusively Negro population shifts.

The Negro Yearbook, 1952, includes the following 1950 figures on median non-white rentals on a country-wide basis, but with no division into geographical areas. (The source of these statistics was the Housing and Home Finance Agency.)

Total Nonfarm:	$27.00
Urban:	$31.00
Rural Nonfarm:	$12.00

We have no further information on this area; perhaps the U. S. Housing and Home Finance Agency in Miami would be able to provide you with more recent and extensive statistics.

We hope this sparse information will be of some assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/L

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Frederick B. Routh

October 2, 1957

Mr. Hallock Hoffman
Treasurer
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Hallock Hoffman:

This is to acknowledge with warm thanks the Fund's check for $1500, representing the expended portion of a grant for special staff work by the Arkansas Council on Human Relations. I am happy to know that the board of directors of the Fund has authorized a grant of up to $2500 for this purpose. I shall probably be writing you again soon about the possibility of further expenditures by the Arkansas Council.

The tax exempt status of the Southern Regional Council, as indicated in the U. S. Treasury letter in your files, is still in effect. I am enclosing our official receipt.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 official receipt

October 2, 1957

Dr. F. D. Patterson
Director
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Patterson:

I shall be very happy to see Bishop Schaberg when he is in Atlanta and will cooperate in every way possible to make his visit a pleasant and productive one.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 2, 1957

Miss Irene Osborne
American Friends Service Committee, Inc.
Twenty South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Irene:

This is just a note to thank you for the copy of Robert Fuoss' letter and the clipping of Bob Considine's story. As to Considine, I have little to suggest. As you know, he is one of the prize pundits of the Hearst stable, and accordingly is syndicated by the International News Service. His features, on whatever subject, are superficial, grossly over simplified, and often dangerous - in short, he is supposed to appeal to the moronic mass mind that some editors visualize. Newspaper people of my acquaintance say that he is a hopeless case. Since he is not carried to any notable extent down here, we have not given much thought to his influence. Certainly an attempt by you to interpret the South and segregation to him in somewhat more mature and positive terms wouldn't be a miss. Maybe he would be more responsive to such an approach than my friends have led me to believe.

C. H. reported meeting Mike Yarrow at Little Rock. I am sure we will be in touch again soon about our many matters of common concern.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 2, 1957

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
1218 Comer Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Thanks for your letter about the "Law and Order" committee. I will appreciate your passing on anything else that you might learn about this kind of activity.

Thanks too for the letters and the clipping. I am returning herewith the letters from Senators Douglas and Humphrey, and John will return the clipping if he has not already.

Sorry to hear about your family-wide bout with the flu. With all the other troubles we have, you would think the viruses would have mercy.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - Ltrs. from Senators Douglas and Humphrey

October 2, 1957

Miss Betty Adams
South Rockefeller Hall
Mount Holyoke College
South Hadley, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Adams:

Your letter of September 24, addressed to Mr. Harold C. Fleming, has been referred to the Research Office of the Southern Regional Council. We are enclosing herewith a number of copies of news articles treating the role and background of several resistance leaders in the South, together with some mimeographed and printed material. You may keep all of the material, with the exception of the Commentary (December, 1956) article concerning John Kasper, "Hate-Monger With Literary Trimmings." We would appreciate your returning this one article, after it has served your purpose, since our supply is almost exhausted.

You might also like to check your library for further material. An article by Selwyn James, "The Town that Surrendered to Hate," in the March, 1955, Redbook magazine contains extensive information on Bryant Bowles, who helped participate integration difficulties in Milford, Delaware. The third in the John Bartlow Martin series, "The Deep South Says Never" (Saturday Evening Post, June 29, 1957, Part III), provides some useful material on Southern demagoguery.

The only resistance group publication we have for distribution is the enclosed reprint from The Citizens' Council, "A Manual for Southerners." You will find enclosed, however, a listing of addresses of some of these groups. It is probable that some, if not all, will supply you with copies of their literature if you write them directly.

We hope this material will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

PRO-SEGREGATION GROUPS

American States' Rights Association of Birmingham
2112 First Avenue
N. Birmingham, Alabama

White America Inc. of Arkansas
Fino Phillips, President
Capital City Chapter
Post Office Box 1977
Little Rock, Arkansas

White Citizens' Council of Arkansas
James D. Johnson, Acting Director
Crossett, Arkansas
(Publication - Arkansas Faith)

National Association for Advancement of White People
Bryant Bowles, President
Houston, Delaware

National Association for Protection of White People
Box 327, Griffin, Georgia

States' Rights Council of Georgia, Inc.
W. T. Bodenhamer, Executive Secretary
William-Oliver Building
Atlanta, Georgia

U. S. Klan, Knights of Ku Klux Klan, Inc.
E. L. Edwards
1272 Lucile Avenue, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Association of Citizens' Councils of Mississippi
R. B. Patterson, Executive Secretary
605 Plaza Building
Jackson, Mississippi
(Publication - The Citizens' Council, a monthly paper).

Patriots of North Carolina
W. C. George, President
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Tennessee Federation for Constitutional Government
Donald Davidson, Chairman
Box 122
Nashville, Tennessee

Virginia League
William Stephenson of Newport News, president (Southern School News, December, 1955). Address furnished by Harry P. Gamble as of October 1, 1955 was
628 Holly Avenue, Highland Springs, Virginia

October 3, 1957

Mrs. Anne Lise Rivers
P. O. Box 40
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Rivers:

Mr. Fleming and Mrs. Alexander have asked that I write you confirming your employment with the Southern Regional Council. As we discussed, employment will begin on Monday, October 28 and will commence with a one-month trial period.

We are happy that it will be possible for you to join us and we look forward to a long and pleasant association.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

October 3, 1957

Mr. David Oliver
809 Madison
Jonesboro, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Oliver:

In answer to your letter of September 29, in which you request information regarding the status of desegregation in interstate, intrastate and city transportation facilities, you will find enclosed an article listing 24 Southern cities in which the segregated seating policy on city transit lines is no longer enforced.

Mr. John Constable, Director of Information of the Southern Regional Council, has furnished the following information regarding inter and intrastate transportation:

> In December of 1955, the Interstate Commerce Commission issued an order that beginning January 10, 1956, there should no longer be segregation in interstate transporation or in waiting rooms for interstate passengers. Some of the larger cities, including Atlanta and Winston-Salem, North Carolina, put this order into effect for both train and bus stations. As for actual policy on trains and buses, Negroes are allowed to sit where they please (train reservations are supposedly issued on a non-segregated basis).
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> As far as intra-state transportation is concerned, there have been no court rulings nor rulings by commissions which would effect segregation policies which exist within the states, except for cases involving intracity transportation, and as far as can be determined intra-state transportation laws remain the same.

Please do not hesitate to call on us if we may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

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Enclosure: New South, January, 1957

October 3, 1957

Mr. Karl Baehr, Executive Director
American Christian Palestine Committee
65 East 55 Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Baehr:

Mrs. Tilly is preparing for a Regional meeting of the "Fellowship of the Concerned" and asked me to answer your letter of September 20.

Some Negro citizens with whom you might want to be in touch in Georgia and Alabama include:

Dr. Rufus E. Clement, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia.
Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia.
Dr. C. G. Gomillion, Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama.
Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., The Montgomery Improvement Assn. 530 South Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama.
Mr. E. D. Nixon, The Montgomery Improvement Assn., 530 South Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama

I hope this will be of some aid to you and if we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to write us.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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October 3, 1957

Mr. Norman Hansen
19 Evergreen Avenue
Fords, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Hansen:

Enclosed is some informational material concerning the Southern Regional Council and its work.

It is difficult to fill your order for information in your recent letter without more details concerning the type of material you are interested in.

As the enclosed information indicates, we are a Human Relations Organization, engaged in the work of race relations in the South. We have information concerning the role of persons who are trying to pave the way for peaceful integration. This information is in the form of clippings from newspapers and periodicals. If this is the type of information in which you are interested, we can supply you with brief sketches concerning the roles played by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. of Montgomery and Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth of Birmingham, etc.

Please let us know if this is the type of information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Director of Information

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Encls. Toward The South of the Future
History and Aims of SRC

October 3, 1957

Mr. W. V. Harper, II
Art Department
Clark College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Harper:

Following our conversation of a few days ago, I will write out just what the request was:

1. A drawing for a stencil with space on it to put the words
   WORK BOOK
   FELLOWSHIP OF THE CONCERNED

   These are to be in large letters.

2. The poster 22 by 28 with the thought, "Make Straight the Highway for the King." And in the highway is a stone marked "Prejudice." At the bottom "Who Will Roll the Stone Away?"

I am looking forward to getting your idea so we can get the stencils cut as soon as possible.

Thanking you, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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October 4, 1957

Mr. A. Dudley Ward
Executive Director
Board of Social and Economic Relations
The Methodist Church
740 Rush Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Mr. Ward:

On October 26 I will lead a seminar of Georgia Methodist students on labor management relations. They are particularly anxious to have information on the Methodist Church's positions and activities in this broad field. Although I come of Methodist stock I would welcome your catching up to date with such publications or information that you may have readily available.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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VIA AIR MAIL

October 4, 1957

Mr. Frank Loescher
414 South 46th Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

I finally received word of the date set for the CCD Mass Media meeting in New York, which Elmo Roper is expected to attend. It is Tuesday the 22nd. So I can now go ahead and lay some plans for the trip.

I appreciate your invitation to spend Sunday night with you. This means that I would be able to speak briefly to the AFSC staff meeting Monday morning if that turns out to be convenient for everybody. I haven't checked the air line schedules yet, but imagine I can get the Sunday afternoon flight which stops in Philadelphia. Once my reservations are definite I will let you know my exact time of arrival.

I am glad our new arrangement is in effect and that we will have a chance when I am there to hash things over in detail. I will tell you more about it when I see you, but you should know that Josephine Wilkins expects to be in New York again soon, striking a few blows for the Council too. I don't think there is any great danger of any duplication of efforts or crossed lines, but I hope the two of you will have a chance to discuss your respective activities.

Dick Bennett is here. We had a very productive day and evening together yesterday. I think he can do some real good

both for the Council and for the cause in general.

I will be writing you again next week. Meanwhile, all the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. Brazeal called me about Ellen Hellman yesterday, and I am to see her next Tuesday. Needless to say, I will do everything I can to facilitate her visit in Atlanta and at other Southern points.

HCF

October 4, 1957

Mr. Philip Hammer
Hammer and Company Associates
70 Fairlie Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Kern:

Thanks for your able contribution to the CCD meeting in Washington. It was a matter of some distress to me that I couldn't be in that workshop, but everybody I talked to spoke glowingly of the analysis you gave. If we keep worrying this question long enough I am convinced we will come up with some right answers. I am enclosing our check in partial payment of your expenses. With it, come my thanks, personal as well as official.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 check ($41.47)

October 4, 1957

Mr. Arnold Aronson
Consultative Conference on Desegregation
9 East 38th Street
New York 16, N.Y.

Dear Arnie:

Thank you for your letter of October 2 gently jogging me to get out the report of the Monday evening CCD session in Washington. It is enclosed herewith.

You are right. Washington has been quite a distance from my mind as of late. We have been terrifically busy in the current crisis situations and most of our thought and energy has been directed towards finding solutions to the problems which face the people in the crisis areas. These may not be pleasant times but they certainly are exciting. It is good to be alive and to play even a small role in the mass of social change now being wrought in the south and the nation.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.

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REPORT OF MONDAY EVENING - September 16, 1957 - CCD SESSION

Harold Fleming, who presided, opened the session by explaining that the contents of the evening's meeting came from a meeting of Southern staff members earlier in the day. He explained that the Southern representatives felt it more important to lay before the national agencies certain organisational problems than to entertain them with hair-raising reports of recent events in the Southern region. The Southern staff members wished the following recommendations to be made to the CCD:

1. All CCD meetings, including Executive Committee meetings, should be scheduled at least three months in advance so that Southern members might plan to attend.

2. Each national agency should try to bring one Southern staff member to at least one CCD meeting per year.

3. That some national agency with a high degree of legal savvy should attempt to organize a chain of sympathetic and well qualified lawyers across the South to assist intergroup agencies who are beset with legal problems growing out of legislative action or executive order by State Governments.

4. There is need for an inter-agency cooperative effort in fact finding. This should not be research for the sake of research, but fact finding which is action oriented. For example: there is a crying need to document discrimination in registration practices to present to the new Commission on Civil Rights.

5. There is a need for inter-agency cooperative effort to strenghten and improve law enforcement practices in the South. This would have particular reference to mob control and the prevention of violence.

6. Southern representatives of national agencies should pool their ~~interests~~ sights and experiences for use by communities which face desegregation.

7. The churches and church groups have a special responsibility to reinforce the children and the parents who are going through desegregation experiences.

8. It is recommended that CCD's structure and constitution be reconsidered now that we have completed one year's effort. There is need to reexamine the various committees to see whether or not they are functioning as now defined.

During the discussion which followed several points were brought out:

Pat Malin of the ACLU described the growth of cooperating attorneys in the nine south eastern states from only twelve a year ago to more than one hundred at the present time.

Isaac Robin of the American Jewish Congress reminded the group that his organisation had a legal arm that might be of help in assisting Southern agencies.

A member of the fact-finding committee reported that it had not been operative and that there was a need to reactivate it immediately. It was pointed

out that there was need to dodument discrimination in a) the area of voting rights, b) the area of equal employment opportunities, and c) the area of school desegregation. It was also pointed out that there was a need for a coordinated plan to develop what type of facts we need to cover.

It was pointed out that the role of the church is somewhat confused because of the activities and pronouncements of dissident ministers and that this was compounded by the press handling of the situation. A representative of one of the church groups said that much more work must be done through the youth groups so that white school-age children could behave in a Christian manner and welcome Negro newcomers to the schools. It was also pointed out that ministers should establish working relationships with law enforcement agencies before violence occurs.

A need was expressed for a listing of sympathetic key people in the various communities of the South. It was recommended that such a list be pulled together and that those who are listed be briefed on what is happening and what is expected of them. It was hoped that in this manner an indiginous leadership group could contribute their thinking to the inter-agency cooperative effort. Two measures of caution were expressed: a) great care must be taken in the distribution of such lists, and b) it must be insisted that local constituents are indeed local and that all agencies may not have such constituents in every key community.

After a brief discussion of the points previously raised the meeting adjourned.

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October 4, 1957

Mr. Nat Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 South Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

This is in reply to your letter about the Phelps-Stokes Fund. I am enclosing the rundown from the foundation book.

I am well acquainted with Dr. F. D. Patterson, formerly president of Tuskegee Institute, now director of the Phelps-Stokes Fund, and Wilton Dillon, who is now working with Dr. Patterson. In fact, Dillon was recently here in Atlanta. The Fund has for several years modestly assisted Mrs. Tilly's work for the Southern Regional Council. This represents, as much as anything, a special personal interest of Dr. Patterson. If you had asked me cold, I would have thought it unlikely that the Fund had any appreciable amount of money for grant-making purposes. But, in view of the interest expressed to Professor Friedman by Dillon, it may be that I am wrong. In any case, I suppose there is no harm in trying.

Taking up another matter of some importance, I have just received a letter from the Fund for the Republic advising us that the $1500 in special funds allocated for the Western counties' project of the Arkansas Council is being reimbursed to SRC. The board of the Fund authorized a special grant of up to $2500 for this purpose. So that you can see the way in which this was stated to us, I am enclosing a copy of Hallock Hoffman's letter. When you get a chance, let me know

how this looks to you. It may be that, circumstances permitting, you will want to talk with Harry Ashmore about it. Certainly we don't want any potential resources to go to waste!

I hope your efforts in the difficult situation there are proving productive.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Enclosures - See attached

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PHELPS-STOKES FUND
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

A perpetuity established in 1911 under a Charter issued by the Legislature of the State of New York. Donor: Caroline Phelps Stokes.

Purpose: The income of the Fund may be used for the education of Negroes, both in Africa and in the United States, North American Indians and needy and deserving white students, through industrial schools, the founding of scholarships, and the erection or endowment of school buildings or chapels; and for the erection and improvement of tenement house dwellings in the City of New York for the poor families of that City. The Trustees may use any means to such ends which shall seem to them expedient, including research, publication, and the establishment, or maintenance, or aid to charitable or benevolent agencies and institutions.

Limitations: United States and Africa.

Methods: Grants to other organizations; conduct of service program and educational and housing surveys; maintenance of an office and staff to aid in educational and interracial movements in the United States and Africa, housing movements in New York City, and administration of educational programs made possible by grants from other agencies.

Polities Regarding Grants: In 1947 the Trustess decided to discontinue numerous small grants to established agencies and institutions in order that it might devote its resources to a few projects within the scope of its special interests.

Current Fields of Interest: Agriculture and rural life, education, health and medicine, housing, intercultural relations.

Financial Data (year ended October 31, 1954): Total assets, $1,582.797; total expenditures, $80,670; grants out of income, $33,541.

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Officer: Frederick L. Rowe, Executive Secretary.

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Telephone: MUrray Hill 2-1250

The Fund for the Republic INC.

60 East 42nd Street, New York 17, New York

September 25, 1957

Dear Harold Fleming:

I am happy to inform you that our Board of Directors has authorized a grant of up to $2500 to the Southern Regional Council to help defray the cost of the staff work of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations in its recent work in western Arkansas.

We have in hand an accounting for expenditure of $1,500 of this sum. The Fund's check for $1,500 is enclosed. If the Arkansas Council calls upon the Southern Regional Council for additional funds for its work in assisting western Arkansas school districts to prepare for desegregation, we will reimburse the Southern Regional Council upon presentation of expense reports, up to a maximum of $1,000 more.

We have in our files evidence of your tax-exempt status. When you acknowledge receipt of the enclosed check, will you please re-affirm that your tax-exempt status is still in effect.

Kindest regards,

Hallock Hoffman
Treasurer

Harold Fleming, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

BEST COPY AVAILABLE

October 4, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thanks for your letter advising that your Board meeting is set for October 12 and 13 at Penn. I haven't got any final travel plans worked out yet, but I can tell you with certainty that I will be there by Noon or shortly thereafter on Saturday the 12th.

It has always seemed to me that meetings of this kind are best kept as much on the level of free discussion as possible. I have no great love for speech-making, but would welcome the chance to discuss with the group those matters that are uppermost in their minds. So, as for my part on the program, you could simply make me fair game for any questions or comments from the group. I may make a few preliminary remarks, though reserving the bulk of the time for give and take.

Fred has November 7 firmly marked on his calendar. You can count on his being present at your Annual Meeting.

We are pleased that the South Carolina Council has decided to include the subscription to New South in its

membership dues.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. Thanks for the suggestion that I bring Jane and the children. Much as we would like to come en famille, I am afraid we won't be able to swing it this time. But Jane and I did have a pleasant visit with the Siceloffs over the Labor Day weekend.

H.C.F.

October 4, 1957

Mr. B. Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
Box 1307
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

Many thanks for your memo of September 27th and the copy of your letter to Arnold Aronson. I am convinced that there is a good project in this legal aid idea and am very glad that you are throwing your weight behind it so effectively. Dick Bennett is paying a brief visit to Atlanta and I have planted the idea with him as one deserving of fund support, once the details have been worked out.

I was also pleased that you spotted Popham's article on Kasperism and shared our view of it as a useful piece of work. By a stroke of good fortune, Popham called me about this assignment shortly after I returned from Washington, so I was able to pass on to him the ideas we had kicked around up there.

I have talked about this with Art Levin, and between the two of us we will try to work out some plan of reproduction and distribution of the article. Art has duplicating equipment very much like off-set that might enable us to do it for a very small cost. If so, how many copies do you feel that you could use? And what

ideas do you have for distribution outside of our normal channels?

I met Ed Randall some time ago when he was making a swing through the South. His account of the interest in his tapes shown by Southern radio stations was quite impressive. As a matter of fact, I had intentions of working out some cooperation with him before now, but the rush of events in the last year swept them away. I will look forward to seeing ~~you~~ him and picking up the ball again.

I wasn't as discouraged about Washington as I may have seemed. On the whole, I think it was a valuable session even if it only achieved the purpose of getting some of us from down here together.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 4, 1957

Mr. John Hope II
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

I have read with great appreciation the report you have done for Consultant Service Program. It is the analytical and qualitative type of report that I have hoped we could do. I note in the bottom of the note you sent along that you say that you hope this reorganization of my statement meets with our approval. The rough notes I gave you could hardly be considered a statement, and they were in drastic need of reorganization. They were the first rough draft of enumerating the events in which the CSP participated - nothing more. You have taken these loose threads and woven them into an attractive piece of material. Congratulations!

I am enclosing a letter which was sent to you at the Willard Hotel back in mid September. I opened it because I thought it might be something important that had long gone without attention. Fortunately such was not the case. The Willard Hotel was obviously derelict in its duties in not getting this to you.

Hope to see you soon.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.

FBR:fcl

October 4, 1957

Mr. Herbert Hill
Labor Secretary
NAACP
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, N.Y.

Dear Herb:

The inter-agency employment opportunities idea is not dead. I am personally sorry that no program, or even a meeting, has yet been activated. A little more time may do it.

In the meantime perhaps you could tell me if the mammoth industrialization projects between Baton Rouge and New Orleans have come to your attention. These developments are taking place on what previously were sugar cane plantations. At this point Kaiser Aluminum has a plant under construction; I am told that a total of $350 million of construction is under way in the area. Other companies with sites on this strip are DuPont, Dow, and Grace Chemical. The economy of Louisiana has been undergoing serious changes as you know. This new spurt of industrialization should go a long way towards putting the state's economy in something like a prosperous balance. The question, simply: is this a ripe field for a concerted area wide merit employment program push? I would be glad to share ideas or information with you; meaning, you write me.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

October 4, 1957

Mr. Dan Powell
Committee of Political Education
1041 Colonial Road
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Dan:

I am glad to have had the several opportunities to have been with you in recent weeks. You mentioned an article which showed the tie-in between the Committee for Constitutional Government and other pro-segregation groups. I failed to note the particular issue and publication in which it appeared. Could you supply me with this?

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

P.S. Didn't you say your address had changed?

EFV:fcl

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 5, 1957

Statement from: Myles Horton, Director
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

An undercover agent sent to Tennessee by Gov. Griffin of Georgia charges that the Daily Worker also infiltrated a Highlander Workshop. If so, the alleged infiltrators were unidentified by the School or by newspaper reporters who covered the speeches and discussions at Highlander's 25th Anniversary Celebration. Ed Friend paid the required registration fee like all other applicants to the event and voluntarily identified himself as an employee of the Water Pollution Department of the State of Georgia. Like 179 other participants, the undercover agent was free to attend all meetings and to take pictures of other participants, speakers, and activities such as swimming and square dancing. Sessions were covered by the press, and the Tennessee papers carried daily reports of all speeches and discussions. In the meantime, Gov. Griffin himself was giving aid and comfort to Gov. Faubus' efforts to use armed resistance to a court order for integration of a Little Rock high school.

Since 1953 hundreds of southern community leaders have openly and honestly taken part in scores of Highlander workshops on the subject of integration. In celebration of Highlander's 25th Anniversary, a distinguished group of courageous southern leaders were brought together over Labor Day week-end; and adults committed to democratic solutions to social problems were invited to enroll for a discussion of "The South Thinking Ahead". Highlander takes pride and assumes full responsibility of the speakers and discussion leaders selected and for the program itself. However, we had only such information of the participants as they themselves furnished us. For example, Friend, Gov. Griffin's undercover agent, said he was a freelance photographer and water pollution expert for the State of Georgia. He gave the name of an Atlanta college professor as a reference. There was no way of knowing that he was a White Citizens Council member or sympathizer and an official "infiltrator".

Georgia's undercover agent's report of participants includes along with the Rev. Martin Luther King, Aubrey Williams, and Mrs. Rosa Parks, the name of an alleged Daily Worker reporter. Since this charge has not been verified, we can only say that Highlander did not and does not welcome enrollment of anyone with a totalitarian philosophy whether from the extreme right or from the extreme left. In these troubled times, nothing but more trouble can come from the White Citizens Councils' and the Communist Party's infiltration into groups earnestly seeking a democratic solution to our problems. Both are morally bankrupt and have nothing to offer. We want only those at Highlander who do their own thinking.

The interest in Highlander of Georgia's segregationists dates from our inviting the Koinonia Farms of Americus, Georgia, to hold their children's camp here after the children were run out of Georgia.

October 7, 1957

Mr. Arthur E. Meyerhoff
Arthur Meyerhoff & Company
410 N. Michigan Avenue
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Mr. Meyerhoff:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of October 3, 1957. We are indeed pleased that you found the material we sent helpful in your project.

As you will note from the enclosed bulletin, "Toward the South of the Future," the Southern Regional Council's work is supported through voluntary contributions from individuals and organizations. We here at the Council would be greatly pleased if you deemed our assistance to you of enough merit to warrant a contribution toward continuing our work. All contributions to the Council are tax-exempt.

If we can be of additional assistance in this project or in any future project of your organization, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/mf

Enclosure - 1 ("Toward the South of the Future")

October 7, 1957

Mr. Howard K. Smith
CBS News
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Several people whose judgment we value highly have commended to us your broadcast of Sunday morning, September 29th -- unfortunately not carried in Atlanta.

Would it be possible for me to see the text of your remarks? If so, would you also advise me whether permission might be granted for us to reprint the text in our monthly publication New South?

Although I did not hear the broadcast in question, I have long admired the insight and fairness you brought to your analysis of the news. We are all fortunate that you were on hand when the unhappy developments broke in Little Rock.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 7, 1957

Mr. John Lassoe
Executive Secretary
NAIRO
1106 Water Board Building
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear John:

Mrs. Hamilton of the Atlanta Urban League called me this morning saying that she had received a note from you about a possible trip to Atlanta. Both the Urban League and SRC now have their interns.

SRC has chosen as its intern a young Georgian by the name of Machion Garrison. He is, we feel, well qualified to fill this position. We were particularly anxious to find a young person recently out of college who was seeking a life career in the field of inter-group relations. We believe we have found such a person. We were also anxious to find a qualified Negro for the position for we had considerable difficulty finding qualified Negroes when we sought to staff our state affiliated organizations. So again we feel fortunate in our choice.

After talking with Mrs. Hamilton both of us felt that the week of October 21 might be an appropriate time for you to come. If this is possible please specify what dates during that week you will come. If that is impossible please suggest alternative dates.

It was good to see you in Detroit at the NAIRO meeting. I look forward to working with you in the future .

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

October 7, 1957

Dr. Forrest LaViolette
Department of Sociology
Tulane University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Forrest:

This note constitutes a vote of thanks for your quick response to our enquiry about the New Orleans Item. This was helpful to us in answering an enquiry from Time magazine. Please pass my thanks on to your colleagues who participated in your report.

Next time through New Orleans I shall surely stop by for a chat.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

October 7, 1957

Mr. Harry S. Jones
Executive Secretary
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
Room 209, 121 East Third Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Thank you for your letter of October 4 with the PS and the PPS. I enjoyed them both and you will be getting a news letter in the not too distant (I hope) future. You didn't miss any in spite of the fact that the February issue said that the news letter would make a monthly appearance.

With malice towards some.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

October 7, 1957

Mr. Don Oberdorfer
THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Don:

Many thanks for sending the full set of your series on the USEA. That was a whale of a good job.

As I wrote Bob Suritz, it is always satisfying to see somebody you know land in a good spot and make the most of it. Keep up the good work, and let me know any time we can supply background and information that might help you.

I am glad to add the Observer editorial staff to the mailing list for New South. The first issue you get will probably be the voting booklet which will be out in a few days.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 7, 1957

MEMO: To - John Constable

From: M.F.

Please add the following to the complimentary mailing list of New South:

The Editorial Staff
THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER
Charlotte, North Carolina

October 7, 1957

Miss Willie Lee Blackwell
Saint Augustine's College
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Miss Blackwell:

Your letter requesting information has been directed to me.

I am very sorry but we do not have information on your Community. However, there are many excellent sources from which you may obtain material.

I would suggest that you check the U. S. Census book concerning South Carolina. This will give you quite a bit of material concerning Dillon and the county in which it is located.

This material includes population data, or population income, educational and other data, which is helpful. Other material is available in most Libraries concerning specific Communities. The Rand McNally Atlas and the World Almanac are helpful, and often there are books concerning specific areas. One book which might be helpful in this project is the Urban South.

Enclosed is a study of a Community which the Southern Regional Council did on Greenville, South Carolina which may give you some ideas.

I am sorry we do not have more specific information, but if you think we might be of additional aid please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

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Encl.

October 7, 1957

Miss Adelaide S. Maner
Serials & Exchange
The Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Miss Maner:

Thank you for your letter of October 4th expressing interest in our publication, NEW SOUTH.

We do not have free mailing lists but most of our publications are distributed at or near cost. Enclosed is a sample copy of NEW SOUTH. Subscription price for this magazine is $2.00 per year.

If we can be of aid to you, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fc
Encl.

October 8, 1957

Mrs. Robert L. Wilcox, Secretary
Christian Social Relations
2205 Old Knoxville Highway
Maryville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Wilcox:

In answer to your letter received today, all secretaries of Christian Social Relations of the Southeastern Jurisdiction have been invited to the meeting. The secretaries and you too will have your expenses paid; meals, travel and a night at the hotel or at Atlanta University.

When you write them, those who will not be able to attend, suggest to them to ask a district secretary whom they think best suited to come. However, if they prefer they can ask a conference officer and the same offer of travel, etc. is made to them.

Our schedule is as follows: The meeting begins Tuesday the 29th at 10:30 to 12:30 followed by lunch. The next session is from 2:00 until 4:30. At 4:30 we will rest and break up into denominational meetings. Supper will be served at 6:30. The evening meeting is at 7:30. The meeting on Wednesday will begin at 9:30 and close at 1:00.

We do hope you will have all your conference$ representatives present.

Thank you very much for your prayers and good wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 8, 1957

Miss Thelma W. Babbitt
National Director
Merit Employment Program
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Babbitt:

Your letter to Mr. Harold Fleming concerning insurance has been referred to me.

The only case of insurance being canceled that we at the Council are familiar with in detail is the Koinonia Farm incident. As you probably know, there has been an across the board cancellation of insurance there.

However, I talked with Mrs. Ruby Hurley, Regional Director of the NAACP, and she suggested that Mr. T. M. Alexander of this city would know more about this subject than most people.

Mr. Alexander confirmed the fact that he has been investigating several cases not only here in Georgia but in other states in the South. I suggest that you write to him personally for further details. His address is 208 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta.

Mrs. Hurley told me that the National office of the NAACP has some records concerning this matter. I am sure if you contacted this office that it would be glad to cooperate.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

October 9, 1957

Mr. Edward Howden
Executive Director
Council for Civic Unity of San Francisco
437 Market Street
San Francisco 5, California

Dear Ed:

Enclosed is some material on the Judge from Mississippi, Thomas Brady. I hope this will answer your needs.

I am also enclosing our survey on the pro-segregation groups in the South. You will find the Federation for Constitutional Government included in the survey. There has been an increasing incidence of violence in Alabama and South Carolina and some indication of its growth in Mississippi, Georgia, and Florida. This violence is caused by either the Klan itself or klan-like groups. We hope to prepare a special report later on about the increased violence and intimidation.

I hope it is possible for you to get a person who will adequately answer the scurrilous charges of Brady. The Citizens Council movement is anxious to brainwash the rest of the nation with their propaganda and filth and Brady's speech in San Francisco is just one example of this effort.

Warm regards to Helen and you.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosures

FBR:fcl

This letter also sent to: Dr. James Pierce
Rev. Thomas Thrasher

October 9, 1957

Rev. Robert S. Graetz
1100 Cleveland Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Robert:

Recently we have had a delightful lady from the Union of South Africa in our office. She is Dr. Ellen Hellman, and is an anthropologist and sociologist and a good friend of Frank Loescher.

She is heading over your way and I have given your name as a person she should see in Montgomery. She already had several names including, of course, Dr. King. We would appreciate it if you would brief her on the situation in Montgomery as to its development and current status.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

October 9, 1957

Mr. Benjamin D. Segal, Director
Trade Union Program on Civil Liberties and Rights
Room 301, 1244 19th Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Ben:

I have committments for October 19, 20, 23, 26, and for November 2 and 3. We will be moving into our new place on October 12 and 13. I could make it sometime during the 15-17th, but would prefer the week of the 27th.

The Northwestern program is impressive, and I trust it goes well.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

October 9, 1957

Mrs. Robert W. Hunt
2434 N. E. Eighth Street
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Mrs. Hunt:

Yes one hundred dollars out of my budget is large. Is there any way you can supplement part of it?

You certainly were most considerate to go to the trouble to let me know of the cost. If you cannot find any way to supplement it, I would say come on. But let me know.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

Same letter sent to:
Mrs. Harry Gershon, 1509 Harvard Rd., NE, Atlanta
Mrs. Leonard Haas, 888 Oakdale Rd., N. E., Atlanta

October 9, 1957

Mrs. Herman Heyman
1271 Oxford Road, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Heyman:

As you know on October 29, the "Fellowship of the Concerned" will have a workshop beginning at 10:30 a.m. going through noon the next day. This workshop will be held at Sale Chapel, Morehouse College.

I hope you will find it convenient to be with us. There will be lunch both days and dinner that evening if you stay.

I would appreciate if you would let me know so I can make your reservation for meals. Of course Southern Regional Council will take care of all meals.

Hoping you may find it convenient to be with us, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 9, 1957

Mr. Wilton S. Dillon
Executive Secretary
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Dillon:

First of all let me thank you for your gracious letter and the interest you have displayed in our workshop on October 29 and 30.

The Loescher's article in the Christian Century will be most welcome for distribution. We will need one hundred twenty-five copies or more of them. About the Psychiatric report, this may be a little deep for our women and I am afraid quite expensive to the Foundation. But if you think otherwise, we will certainly distribute the copies. I am leaving this up to your discretion.

I am well aware that this workshop could never be without the $2,000 from the Foundation, and it is coming at a time when it is most needed. As you may know, my heart is full of gratitude to those who make the workshop possible.

As I said sometime ago, if the Foundation has a representative at the workshop, you, Dr. Patterson or any other, it will be a most welcome addition.

With the best of wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 9, 1957

Miss Rosamond Johnson
Wesley Community House
342 Richardson Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rosamond:

On October 29 and 30, we will have a workshop of the women church leaders of the various denominations here in the South, at Sale Chapel, Morehouse College.

You and the others at the Wesley House will be most welcome to attend. We will begin at 10:30 and end at 1:00 the next day.

There will be two lunches and dinner that evening if you wish to stay. The meals, of course, will be on Southern Regional Council. Please let me know for how many to make reservations, as I am counting on your attendance.

With the best of wishes to you always,

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 9, 1957

Mr. Will D. Campbell
Associate Executive
National Council of Churches of Christ
Division of Christian Life and Work
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Campbell:

Your letter was received and we are deeply grateful that you will be with us in our workshop at Sale Chapel, Morehouse College, October 29 and 30. Do you wish us to make reservation for us at Ware Hall, Atlanta University ?

I think it will be well to have the two pieces of literature you suggested for distribution to our women. We will need about one hundred twenty-five copies of each.

Now one other thing. Will you be the leader of one of the discussion groups? As you know the subject is The Challenge of Controversy. I would appreciate if you would let me know quickly.

Again thanking you for agreeing to be with us, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 10, 1957

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

Thanks for your letter of October 3rd describing the plan of operation developed by the South Carolina Council on Human Relations.

This gives us a satisfactory basis for proceeding with the grant-in-aid of $5,000 for 1957-1958.

As you may know, the first quarterly payment was sent to the state office on October 1st.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 10, 1957

Miss Ada M. Field
Box 277, Route 3
Guilford College Branch
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Miss Field:

Thank you for your recent letter. I have agreed to undertake periodic commentaries on Southern developments for The Progressive. We are also developing some detailed suggestions for a special issue on the South. So your suggestions to Morris Rubin have had full effect. I only hope that we can achieve, at least in part, the kind of interpretation you so rightly feel is necessary.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 10, 1957

Mr. W. Carroll Brooke
Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Carroll:

Thanks for your letter of October 1st, which gives us the information we needed to proceed with the new financial arrangement. The first quarterly payment was mailed on schedule to the Virginia Council's office.

There is no state effort that we think more highly of than Virginia's. I hope you and Jack Marion will call on us for all the help we can give.

Incidentally, I trust we will soon have you back as a regular board member.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 10, 19 7

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Southeast Convention
Congregational Christian Churches
673 Piedmont Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 8, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Albright:

Thanks for your recent note about Lillian Smith.

I gather from Mrs. Tilly that you saw her on the Dave Garroway program. We will do what we can to encourage Garroway and others to get Miss Smith and other Southerners of like views before national audiences.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 10, 1957

Mr. Ted V. Fisher
3778 Narmore Drive, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fisher:

You are most generous to send a contribution to both the Southern Regional Council and the Georgia Council on Human Relations. We are very grateful.

Although we haven't met, I have known of you through mutual friends for a long time. I hope one of these days we will get acquainted. Meanwhile, my appreciation and best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosures: 1 official receipt
Congressional Record, Friday, July 26, 1957 - "The Southern Regional Council..."

October 10, 1957

Mrs. Edwin R. Haas
3786 Ivy Lane, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Haas:

We are deeply grateful to you for the generous contribution received through Mr. Leonard Haas.

Your support has meant a great deal to us over the years. Now, when the South's difficulties are so demanding, we are more appreciative than ever.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosure - 1 official receipt

October 10, 1957

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Suite 601
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

We are more grateful than ever for Mrs. Edwin Haas' generous contribution.

I have written her an acknowledgement with our warmest thanks. But I cannot fail to tell you how much your continuing friendship and support mean to me and to the Council.

With warm good wishes always,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL

October 10, 1957

Dr. David F. Freeman
Association of the Bar
60 West 44th Street
New York, New York

Dear Dave:

Frank has written me that you are in the saddle and eyeing Atlanta again. Good news.

I will be in New York from Monday, October 21 until about Thursday. I don't yet have a hotel reservation, but will probably be at the Commodore or Roosevelt. It would be good to get together.

Where shall I call you when I get in - the Association of the Bar of the etc.?

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

cc: Mailed to Oyster Bay Drive
Rumson, New Jersey

VIA AIR MAIL

October 10, 1957

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
New World Foundation
120 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

We have finally selected a young man to fill the internship made possible by the grant from the New World Foundation. He began his service with us on October 3rd, and we have every reason to feel that he will prove to be a good choice. You will recall that we were hoping to find a promising young person, Negro, who had recently completed his formal education and was interested in beginning a professional career in the human relations field. The young man selected, Machion Garrison, seems to qualify on all points.

I am enclosing both our description of the internship and a personal data sheet submitted by Garrison.

Within the next day or two I will be sending you a rather lengthy report on the activities of the Consultant Service Program since you last heard from us.

It may be worth mentioning that I am to be in New York from Monday, October 21st through Thursday, October 24th. If by any chance you are going to be in that vicinity, don't fail to let me know.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

October 10, 1957

Mr. James C. Evans
Civilian Assistant
Office of the Assistant Secretary
of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Evans:

I appreciated your recent letter commenting on our use of Professor Fairman's excellent article.

Recent developments must have put a heavy burden on you. We continue to be grateful for the fine job the Department of Defense has done in achieving equal treatment for all, and to you for your vital part in it.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Encls: Highlander Folk School Propaganda Sheet
Congressional Record - July 26, 1957
Myles Horton's Statement
firing line Analysis

October 10, 1957

Mr. Ed Cony
WALL STREET JOURNAL
Burnett Building
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Ed:

As I promised, here are a couple of antidotes to the poisonous propaganda that T. V. Williams supplied me with. I thought you might also be interested in the statement that Highlander Folk School put out.

I hope your swing has been successful and that you have all the raw material you need. Sorry we missed connections, but perhaps we can remedy that before too long.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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October 10, 1957

Miss Annie Tait Jenkins
Associate, Leadership Education Department
Board of Women's Work
Presbyterian Church in the U. S.
341-A Ponce De Leon Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 8, Georgia

Dear Miss Annie Tait:

I am disturbed about the attendance of your group. Enclosed you will find the list of persons invited and you will note the status of their attendance.

As I am not quite sure of all my group leaders, I will call you later and give you the four groups and let you suggest the one you wish.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encl.

October 10, 1957

Mrs. Ben Russell
824 Tusculum Boulevard
Greenville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Russell:

We have sent invitations to the following persons on your list:

Mrs. T. L. Illery
Mrs. R. M. Hunt
Mrs. Roscoe McCurdy
Mrs. L. J. Dennisson

As of this date we have not heard from any of them.

We will reserve a room for you at Atlanta University as requested in your letter of October 6.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 10, 1957

Mr. H. L. Hunt
Executive Director
Religion and Public Education
National Council of the Churches of Christ
in the U.S.A.
257 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Lanier:

I appreciated the data you sent recently on Negro school enrollment in Northern cities. We can make good use of it.

It's been some time since we had a chance to compare notes. Don't fail to look us up when you're next in Atlanta.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 10, 1957

Miss Catherine Ezell
Box 1178
Johnson City, Tennessee

Dear Catherine:

I wish it were possible for you to be with us, for you would be of great help.

We will be glad to have Miss Geraldine Hunt with us and can pay half of her expenses as you have recommended her highly.

The dates of the meeting are the 29th and 30th beginning at 10:30 on the first day and closing at noon the next day. You did not give me her address in Louisiana and I cannot write to her, but please do it for me.

With best wishes to you always.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

VIA AIR MAIL October 10, 1957

Mr. Frank Loescher
414 South 46th Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

You have really done a job of setting things up!

I have a reservation for Sunday the 20th on Capitol, Flight 174, which is supposed to arrive in Philadelphia at 4:25 p. m. (I'm not quite sure how daylight time affects this.) It is mighty nice of you to offer to meet me at the airport, but believe me quite unnecessary. I can easily take a taxi in and save you that long trip.

Going on to New York presents no problem, since my first really scheduled appointment isn't until Tuesday morning. If I get to New York Monday in sufficient time to make a few calls, well and good.

I have written Dave Freeman, as you suggested, asking him to let me know where I should call him when I get in. I will certainly want to get together with him. I know one of the Norman sisters and her husband.

I had a good long talk with Ellen Hellman, and she was a guest of honor at the Hungry Club where I spoke yesterday. We are writing several letters to Montgomery and Louisville for her. She was glad to get a copy of

your good article in the Christian Century. It is good to see your ideas on South Africa reaching a thoughtful audience.

I am looking forward eagerly to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Encls: Congressional Record - 7/26/57
Walton's Statement
Firing Line Analysis

October 10, 1957

Mr. Ed Cony
WALL STREET JOURNAL
Burnett Building
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Ed:

As I promised, here are a couple of antidotes to the poisonous propaganda that T. V. Williams supplied you with. I thought you might also be interested in the statement that Highlander Folk School put out.

I hope your swing has been successful and that you have all the raw material you need. Sorry we missed connections, but perhaps we can remedy that before too long.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
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October 10, 1957

Colonel David McCandless
Southern Police Institute
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Colonel McCandless:

Dr. Ellen Hellman, from Johannesburg, South Africa recently paid us a visit and expressed an interest in talking with you when she is in Louisville on October 21. She is an anthropologist, immediate past-president of the South African Institute on Race Relations, and a very pleasant and intelligent person. If you can spare her a little time, I am sure she will be most appreciative.

This gives me an opportunity to say how much I hope something can come of the suggestion that C. H. Parrish made to you not long ago. Clearly, good police work is going to be crucially needed in the South for some time to come. If you decide on a plan that seems to you workable, I have little doubt that the necessary funds can be readily found. Needless to say, I fully understand the necessity of keeping any such project on a purely professional level of law enforcement. If we can help in any way in making such a project possible, we would be more than happy to do so.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Encl. Congressional Rec.

October 10, 1957

Mr. George K. Hunton
Catholic Interracial Council
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, New York

Dear George:

Thanks for your letter of October 4th and the very interesting enclosures. I find the story of the three Negro Popes, which is new to me, utterly fascinating.

I expect to make the October 22nd meeting of the Mass Media Committee and am looking forward to seeing you then. I haven't worked out the exact time of my return to Atlanta, but it looks as though I could stay over through Thursday for your weekly forum. Please let me know if this would be a convenient one for me to drop in on.

In any case, I will be seeing you soon.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure

VIA AIR MAIL

October 10, 1957

The Commodore Hotel
New York,
New York

Dear Sirs:

This is to request you to reserve a single room for me, beginning on the evening of Monday, October 21, and extending at least until Thursday, October 24.

I shall appreciate confirmation.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL

October 10, 1957

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
Doubleday & Company, Inc.
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Adam:

Good to hear from you in your new guise.

It's too bad McGill ruled himself out. He would have been the logical guy.

Celestine Sibley would do a somewhat lighter job, but a good one, I think. She is a good writer and a thoroughly decent person. On rather limited reflection, I haven't been able to think of anyone I would recommend more highly.

Incidentally, I don't think current racial sensitivities would rule the book out. As matters now stand, Atlanta should be do-able.

I'm still hoping you'll make a Southern (or, at least, Atlanta) swing.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. If other names are suggested, feel free (!) to bounce them off ~~to~~ me.

OK

H.C.F.

October 10, 1957

Mr. Francis M. Wilhoit
Department of Government
University of Miami
Coral Gables 46, Florida

Dear Mr. Wilhoit:

Thanks for your recent letter and for your assurance that I will have an opportunity to read your dissertation.

I am sorry about the failure of the New South mailing to reach you. According to our records, the order was mailed twice, most recently to the University of Miami on September 27. We are trying again, I trust successfully this time.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 10, 1957

Mr. Wilton Dillon
Executive Secretary
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Wilton:

Thanks for your note. Mrs. Tilly and I have discussed your letter to her and agree that the G.A.P. report would be a very useful distribution piece in the church women's meeting. She has probably already written you asking if it would be possible for you to supply as many as 150 copies of that and also of Frank Loescher's article. I recall that the G.A.P. report is expensive, so feel free to scale down that request as need be.

I am to be in New York from late Monday afternoon, October 21 through Thursday the 24th. I hope we will have a chance to get together and will call you to that end late Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 10, 1957

Miss Katharine Taylor
Alumnai House
Poughkeepsie, New York

Dear Katharine:

My plans for a trip behind the Union lines are beginning to shape up. I am to be in Philadelphia with Frank Loescher on Sunday, October 20th and part of Monday. Then I will proceed to New York and set up shop for a few days, probably at the Commodore or Roosevelt. My present plan is to be there through Thursday, October 24th.

What are the chances of my seeing you?

I wrote Howard K. Smith, but as yet have had no reply. Were you successful in getting the text of his broadcast?

I hope your teaching stint is going well, and am looking forward hopefully to a get-together.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. No word yet from the Boston law firm. I will pass along promptly any word we receive.

H.C.F.

Encls: Highlander School Propaganda Sheet
Horton Statement
Directory of Coop. agencies
Congressional Record - 7/26/57

October 10, 1957

Mr. Richard K. Bennett
Phoebe Waterman Foundation, Inc.
Room 422
1701 Arch Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Dick:

We enjoyed having you in our midst last week.

Enclosed is a copy of the sheet on the Highlander meeting, prepared by the Georgia Education Commission. To balance things off, I am also enclosing Myles Horton's answer and one of our "defense" documents prepared earlier. It also seems to me that I promised to send you a directory of Southern agency personnel concerned with human relations. Herewith.

I expect to be stopping over with Frank Loescher Sunday night, October 20th on my way to New York. If you have any words of wisdom for me, you could use Frank as a message center.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

Same letter sent to the following:

Mrs. Victor C. Tyler
Mrs. J. G. Carpenter
Mrs. O. G. Thomas
Mrs. D. D. Dugan
Mrs. C.L. Johnson
Mrs. John L. Goff
Mrs. S.W. Breeland
Mrs. Richard A. Hecht
Mrs. Clifton I. Dreyfus
Mrs. Lewis Alcus

October 11, 1957

Mrs. M. Priscilla Shaw
5 Folsom Street
Sumter, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Shaw:

I am distressed that you find it impossible to be with us in our workshop at Sale Hall Chapel, October 29 and 30. You are at liberty to send a substitute if you have one.

Please give her the information and send her name to us that we might make hotel reservations for her. We do want your organization represented.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 14, 1957

Mrs. Margaret Price
Route 1, Box 272
McLean, Virginia

Dear Margaret:

We are mailing you twelve copies of the voting study. The first reaction is good.

Will drop you a longer letter later.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

October 14, 1957

Mr. Harry S. Ashmore
Executive Editor
Arkansas Gazette
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Ashmore:

The October 14, 1957 issue of NEW LEADER carried an article by you which I understand is a speech given to the Anti-Defamation League.

I think the article excellent, and wonder if I might have permission to reprint it in NEW SOUTH.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

October 14, 1957

Mr. Arnold Aronson
National Community Relations Advisory Council
Room 801
9 East 38th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Aronson:

Enclosed is our latest copy of NEW SOUTH which is our final report on "The Negro Voter in the South."

We wonder if you would be interested in sending copies of this publication to your inter-agency contacts. If so, would you please send me a list of the persons to whom you wish copies to go. We will mail you enough copies for these people, but we would like a list in order that the ones we mail out from this office will not go to the same persons.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

October 14, 1957

Mrs. Evelyn Berry
~~Payne~~ Paine College
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Evelyn:

On October 29 and 30 we are having a South wide meeting of about one hundred twenty-five select people from the various denominations and faiths. I think you ought to be at this meeting and Ruth too, if she is at ~~Payne~~ Paine. I believe this is her year to be in Africa, that is why I have not written her.

We are meeting at Sale Hall Chapel, Morehouse College. We will begin at 10:30 on the first day and go through lunch the next day.

Thelma will be with us, Dr. Faulkner and a lot of others. Many of us will stay at Atlanta University and some at the Piedmont.

Let me know if you can come.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 14, 1957

Mrs. C. M. Weston
2400 Edinburgh Terrace, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Weston:

It is now possible to add a few more to our group to be at the workshop on "The Challenge of Controversy." I am enclosing a letter we have been sending that will give you the information needed.

Please let me know if you will attend.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 14, 1957

Miss Willie Lee Blackwell
Saint Augustine's College
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Miss Blackwell:

The Urban South [redacted] is by Rupert B. Vance and Nicholas J. Demerath and is published by the University of North Carolina Press. Your college library should have a copy of this, but if not you might be able to obtain a copy from the city library in Raleigh.

I do hope this is some help to you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Same letter sent to:
Mrs. George Lattimer

October 14, 1957

Mrs. Jack Patterson
2850 Ridgewood Road, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Francis:

I think you would love this meeting and I would certainly like to have you.

If you can come, phone me so that I may make your reservations for lunch for both days.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

VIA AIR MAIL

October 14, 1957

Mr. Hugh A. Brimm
2801 Lexington Road
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Brimm:

We are answering your letter of the 10th to Harold Fleming since he is out of the office.

Through an oversight, the check for $100.00 was not enclosed in our letter of September 20th. It is being enclosed this time. Sorry about this and trust that it did not cause any great inconvenience.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1 check ($100.00); No. 4186

cc: Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg

October 14, 1957

Mrs. Jessie D. Ames
P. O. Box 626
Tryon, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Ames:

Mr. Fleming is presently ill and away from the office. He has, therefore, instructed that we send you Mrs. Stokely's address which is as follows:

Mrs. James Stokely
405 Clifton Heights
Newport, Tennessee

If we may be of further assistance to you, please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

October 14, 1957

Mrs. Gertrude McCall
3728 West End Avenue
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. McCall:

I regret very much that you cannot be with us. I would like for you to send me somebody and let me know who she is. You can give her your letters with the necessary information.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 15, 1957

Miss Katharine Taylor
Alumnae House
Poughkeepsie, New York

Dear Miss Taylor:

Harold, who is ill and out of the office, has asked that I write you. It is assumed, however, that his New York trip will be made as scheduled. If so, he will be staying at the Hotel Commodore, beginning Monday evening, October 21st.

We are sending Harold your letter and, no doubt, he will expect a call from you prior to Thursday, October 24th.

Warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

October 15, 1957

Dr. Clinton Gardner
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Dr. Gardner:

We are very grateful to you for agreeing to render a valuable service to the women church leaders, who will come from several states to face together "The Challenge of Controversy."

The group is made up of Catholics, Jews and Protestants, and members of both races. They are brave women and determine women. They come together for information and guidance.

We will meet at 10:30 at Sale Chapel, Morehouse College, Tuesday, October 29. I am sure Dr. Griffin has given you this information. The session begins with worship led by Dr. W. J. Faulkner, then we will have you on "The Challenge of Controversy," followed by Mr. Harold Fleming who will speak on the specific situation in the South. [redacted]

With sincere thanks and good wishes to you, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 15, 1957

Mrs. P. E. Cunningham
Post Office Box 703
Vicksburg, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Cunningham:

Enclosed is some information about the workshop we are having here in Atlanta. Mrs. Deen was with us last year but she cannot come this year. I wish you could come. If you cannot, please find someone to come in Mrs. Deen's place.

You will note that all expenses will be paid. I certainly would appreciate your help.

Thelma Stevens will be with us, Mrs. E. U. Robinson, and Mrs. Wilcox and her Secretaries of Christian Social Relations. Mrs. Wilcox and my workshop both need a representative in place of Mrs. Deen.

With the best of wishes to you, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encl.

October 15, 1957

Mrs. Sadie Alexander
40 South 19th Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sadie Alexander:

I have told you about the workshops that we have here bringing together church leaders. And you may remember that when we were in Detroit you said you could come by sending your own money for transportation as a gift to Southern Regional Council, and then we would give you the check back to pay for your expenses.

You will note that the workshop is to be at Sale Chapel, Morehouse College. We will stay at Bumstead Hall, Atlanta University.

Please wire me if you can come, because I certainly need you.

With the best of wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encl.

October 15, 1957

Dr. John A. Griffin, Director
Community Educational Service
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear John:

Thank you very much for all you have done for our workshop. We have just written to Dr. Gardner and everything seems to be lining up fine.

Your direction has been most valuable.

Thanks and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 15, 1957

Mrs. Lester Rumble
33 Walker Terrace
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Lelia:

I am enclosing a memo about the workshop of "The Fellowship of the Concerned" which we will have on October 29 and 30.

If it doesn't tax you too much I am sure you would like to hear Dr. Faulkner again. I will not call on you for any work and if you want to stay at Atlanta University with some of our women, a room will be provided for you. I am enclosing a card for your reply so that I may make your reservation for lunch if you want to stay.

Tell Dr. Rumble he is included in the invitation.

Hoping soon you will be real strong, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encls.

October 16, 1957

Mr. A. E. Meyerhoff
410 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Mr. Meyerhoff:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 11, and your contribution to Southern Regional Council for fifty dollars. Enclosed is the receipt for your contribution.

Again we are pleased if we have been of any aid to your organization. We are indeed grateful for your interest and contribution toward our work.

If we can be of additional aid to you in the future, please write us.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl. (Receipt)

October 16, 1957

Mr. C. F. McRae, M.D.
Burnsville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. McRae:

Your letter in the Asheville Citizen-Times has been called to our attention. We very much appreciate your kind words concerning the North Carolina Council on Human Relations and the Southern Regional Council.

It is indeed pleasant these days to find someone who will speak out for moderation and those who are working toward this end.

Again thanks for your effort in our behalf and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

October 16, 1957

Mr. D. Burres
Yale Law Journal
Yale Law School
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Burres:

We are mailing you a copy of our final report concerning the Negro voter. I hope this will be some benefit to you in your work.

As to the specific question you asked, our records are based mostly on newspaper clippings, and we do not have any that indicate contempt cases having been brought against registrars for violation of court orders in voting cases. I would assume that it is a valid inference that the court orders were obeyed.

As to your last question, if you will note in our voting study some people hesitate bringing suit for fear of economic retaliation and physical violence. If the recent civil rights legislation is enforced across the board, I assume there will be increased litigation. This increase would be due to the fact that the federal government is now able to bring these suits without the permission of the voter involved. Thus this would lessen the chances of economic reprisals.

I hope this will be some help to you. If we can be of additional aid please write us.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

October 16, 1957

Miss Catherine Ezell
Box 1178
Johnson City, Tennessee

Dear Catherine:

Please note that the meeting will be at Sale Hall, Morehouse College on October 29 and 30. Please tell Miss Hunt to come on to Morehouse and we will make reservation for her at Atlanta University.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encl.

File, Personal

October 16, 1957

Miss Ethel C. Phillips, Director
Publications Division
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Miss Phillips:

I regret I did not understand what you wanted in the article. I had begun to gather together the advances made in Civil Rights and Human Relations, but in a long distance conversation with members of my own board, they rather diverted my ideas of what you wished.

There has been much progress made in the South and I would have loved to have been the one to tabulate it.

I give my OK to the revised paper.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

Materials sent:

New South - June, 1955
Greenville's Big Idea
Next Steps
New South: Jan, Feb., 1957
April, July/Aug., 1957

October 16, 1957

Mr. J. D. McGehee
Superintendent
Lepanto Public Schools
Lepanto, Arkansas

Dear Mr. McGehee:

Under separate cover we are sending you the materials requested in your letter of the 14th. We do not have a current bibliography. However, we are sending additional material which may be of some help to you. We are most happy to supply this information and if we can be of further help, please call on us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

October 16, 1957

Mr. Will D. Campbell, Associate Executive
Department of Racial and Cultural Relations
National Council of the Churches of Christ
in the United States of America
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

Since Harold is out of the office this week with flu I shall answer your letter of October 14 concerning an article for New South.

I already have my material outline for this issue of New South but if you could get the article to me by about the first of November I could use it for the November issue. If that is too soon, just let me know ~~know~~ how soon after that you might possibly have the finished product.

I do appreciate your willingness to write such an article, and the need is very great.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:fcl

VIA AIR MAIL

October 16, 1957

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
The New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Eagle:

Mr. Fleming, who is ill and out of the office, has requested that we reply to your letter of October 14th. It is anticipated that he will be in New York next week as planned, and reservations have been made at the Hotel Commodore from the 21st through the 24th. On the 20th and 21st, he is to see Dave Freeman in Philadelphia.

We are enclosing six copies of the reprint of the Congressional Record which you requested.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures - 6

October 16, 1957

Mr. Dilworth Lupton
404 N. Osceola Avenue
Clearwater, Florida

Dear Mr. Lupton:

Thank you for your recent letter with the enclosed editorial from "Colonel Clearwater". I have passed it on to our Director of Information for consideration for use in New South. I have also passed on your good suggestion that newspaper quotations in New South be dated.

I am personally pleased that you and Mrs. Lupton have been in contact with Bill Williams of the Florida Council on Human Relations. You will find him to be a person of great integrity and sincere dedication in this field. We are proud to have him as Executive Director of the Florida Council. I hope it will be possible to establish some sort of local unit in Clearwater. If we can help please let us know.

My best regards to you both.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

cc. Bill Williams

October 16, 1957

Mr. John V. P. Lassoe, Jr.
Executive Secretary
NAIRO
152 West 42 Street, Room 1508
New York 36, New York

Dear John:

Certainly glad that you are coming down to Atlanta. Mrs. Hamilton and I look forward greatly to your arrival. I have made reservations for you at the Peachtree on Peachtree Hotel (man, how Southern can you get!).

I trust there is no significance in it, but the undertakers are holding a convention in town at the same time.

The P'tree Hotel is a nice clean and decent hotel. We have guaranteed your room and told them you would be arriving very late the night of the 22nd and would be staying through the night of the 23rd. Your room is a single with bath.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

October 17, 1957

Mr. Benjamin D. Segal, Director
Trade Union Program on Civil Liberties and Rights
Room 301, 1244 19th Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Ben:

I will make the October ~~30th~~ 31st meeting and plan to be in Washington on the 30th. Most of my ideas can wait until I see you on Wednesday; however, I will write if specific suggestions for the agenda come to mind.

The Civil Liberties Conference in Chapel Hill or any other likely spot where we can get local sponsorship would certainly be in order. If Charlie buys this idea it may be that you will want to check with Tartt Bell regarding the AFSC's past interest and activities in this area as well as their willingness to support your conference. I take it that you are by no means limiting the conference to unions; however, I think we could get some significant union participation in North Carolina.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

P.S. Lee White has just gone to Washington to become CWA's Director of Publicity. You may wish to consider inviting him to our meeting of the 31st since he has been this district's key guy on race matters; of course he is not a national union civil rights person.

October 17, 1957

Mr. Carl Griffin, President
Alabama Labor Council, AFL-CIO
604 Lyric Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Carl:

I note from the Alabama Labor Council News Letter that there is renewed activity on the part of Southern Crafts Inc. Also you were quoted in the Wall Street Journal (October 16, 1957) as dismissing it as a "phony." Of course it is. Do you feel that these new moves are of any importance, and could you supply me with such information (news clips, etc.) as you have on Southern Crafts.

I trust it will not be too much longer before I get into Birmingham.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

October 17, 1957

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
1218 Comer Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Specifically: what do you know about the new moves of Southern Crafts Inc.? The Wall Street Journal (October 16, 1957) is saying "Although Mr. Griffin dismisses Southern Crafts as a 'phony', another Birmingham source close to the race relations situation says the AFL-CIO is more worried than Mr. Griffin lets on."

I will write Carl, who is the "source close to the race relations situation." Such information as you have on this or similar matters would be of real use to me within the next ten days.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

October 17, 1957

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
1218 Comer Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Robbie:

Thank you for your letter of October 15 with the good news of the substantial anonymous gift to the Alabama Council. It would seem to me that this is a real vote of confidence in the good work you are doing.

I have been in touch with the ACLU as Dotty no doubt told you. I trust that by this time you have gotten in touch with them yourself. Both the ACHR and the BBC should have adequate legal advice from friendly lawyers before moving ahead. If we intend to test laws that seem obviously unconstitutional then a proper test is necessary and competent legal advice can help you plan a proper test.

We are sending out the memo on intimidation and violence in the immediate future. Keep on building your own files.

Bill Stewart must have a sour "grape vine" because his information is far from accurate. Actually he has gotten hold of two separate bits of information and combined them incorrectly. We had applied to the Fund for a considerably larger grant than we finally received. Had the original request been fully met obviously the States would have had more money. So, too, it should be obvious, would have SRC. As it is we have stretched a point in the grant from the Fund to allocate as much money as we have to State organizations. Mr. Stewart is not a reliable source of information in this particular case.

Best regards to you and Dotty.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

October 17, 1957

Dear Lyman:

Thanks for the "sheet" and the info that it is being circulated in the Lone Star State. It's the one I told you about. Enclosed is Myles Horton's answer.

One further point of interest; it was printed with state funds but the actual printing was not authorized at the time it was done. (see clip)

The current administration in Georgia also lacks intellectual honesty. Our "Marv" is without doubt the greatest slob in any governor's mansion.

Best regards,

FBR

October 17, 1957

Mrs. Lucille Thornburg
Associate Editor
East Tennessee Labor News
311 Morgan Street
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Lucille Thornburg:

It is good news to hear that you will be able to attend the meetings of the Fellowship of the Concerned. Please note that there has been a change in the date and in the place of meeting. Mrs. Tilly will arrange to take care of your travel and hospitality expenses. I know that she looks forward to having you with the group.

I hope that my own schedule will be such that I will get to meet you while you are here in Atlanta.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosures.

EFV:fcl

October 17, 1957

Mr. J. J. Smith, Editor
The Americana Annual
2 West 45th Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for your letter of October 14, concerning information on Negro voting. We are mailing you, under separate cover, a copy of our latest voting study.

Some of these figures are estimates, but they have been considered as the best figures available at this time.

If we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

October 17, 1957

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Lineville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

In regard to our conversation of today via telephone, Harold and I agree that your suggestion is good.

As you may know, our relation with Pete McKnight, the editor of the Charlotte Observer is quite good. Harold has corresponded with him from time to time and sent him a copy of the recent editorial by Hodding Carter concerning the South Carolina News and Courier incident.

With very best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

October 17, 1957

Mr. Ralph McGill
Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. McGill:

I have hesitated to call on you because I know how over taxed you are, but we really need you.

On October 29 and 30, at Sale Chapel, Morehouse College, about one hundred church women leaders of both races, Catholics, Jews and Protestants will meet together. They come from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana.

If you can find a few minutes to speak to us in the line of your editorials, either the evening of Tuesday the 29th or Wednesday morning the 30th, we will be most grateful.

You were with us once before when Mrs. Roosevelt was with us, and you know some of the group.

The theme is The Challenge of Controversy, and you more than anyone else have accepted this challenge, and are helping us to see the triumph that will eventually come if we are steady and sane in thought and action.

I sincerely hope you will find the time to render this great service to the church women of the South, upon whom so much depend.

Thanking you for past favors, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 17, 1957

Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild
1589 Peachtree Road, N. W.
Atlanta 9, Georgia

My dear Rabbi Rothschild:

Thank you so much for the prayer. It stirred me deeply. I am sure all the women will be grateful to you and it will be used over and over again in our southern states. We will use it on the morning of Tuesday the 29th.

I am wondering if it will be possible for you to come and lead us in this prayer. It would certainly mean much to us to have you in person, lifting all of us to God's throne, and stir us and strengthen us through the hours of our workshop. It would live in the hearts of our women.

I don't want to press you to come if your schedule is crowded, for you have done us a great favor in letting us see your heart's concern for our nation. But I am hoping that you may find it possible to be with us.

Thanking you for all you have done for the workshop, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 17, 1957

Mr. William Baggs, Editor
The Miami News
P.O. Box 2410
Miami 30, Florida

Dear Bill:

Many thanks for your note of October 15. I am fully aware of the mass of tasks facing the editor newly come to his chair and therefore no apology is required for the delay in answering my note of some time back. I am enclosing some information on the Southern Regional Council which I thought might be of interest to you. Our nominating committee has been casting about for new blood to add to the Board of the Southern Regional Council and I have suggested your name. We already have on the Board such newsmen as Hodding Carter (Delta Democrat Times, Mississippi), Herbert Davidson (Daytona Beach News Journal), Thomas Young (Norfolk Journal and Guide), Harry Golden (Carolina Israelite), Dorcas Ruthenberg (former Sunday editor of the Louisville Journal), and of course as you know Ralph McGill was one of the founders of SRC.

For a local reference you could talk with Bill Howland, formerly of Time Magazine, now with the U of M. Could you please let me know your thinking on this by the first of November?

Seriously, Bill, your presence on the Board would be of considerable help during these critical times. There is one Board meeting per year and the expenses of Board members are paid by the Council.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR;fcl

Enclosures

Enclosures to William Bagga:

The Negro Voter in the South
Toward the South of the Future
Three views of the Segregation Decisions
Brief Account of its Origins and Aims, April 1956 (SRC)
The South of Promise
An analysis of the attack on the SRC in the Firing Line of May 15, 1957
Quote from Delta Democrat Times, August 25, 1957.

October 17, 1957

Miss Ruth Vaughan
Manager of the Regional Board of the
Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America
609 Market Street
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Ruth Vaughan:

Stanton Smith's letter indicating that you may be able to attend the meeting of the Fellowship of the Concerned was welcome news. I certainly hope that you will be able to make it as does Mrs. Tilly who is responsible for the program arrangements.

Stanton indicated that you would be able to handle your own expenses and this will be of great aid to us. I hope to have an opportunity to see you while you are in town.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosures.

EFV:fcl

October 18, 1957

Miss Joanna Howell
15603 N. W. 39 Ct.
Opa-Locka, Florida

Dear Miss Howell:

In answer to your inquiry of October 11th, you will find enclosed some material which will provide information concerning integration in politics. The excerpt from "Integration, North and South" lists elections and appointments of Negroes in the field of public service in the Southern states over a two year period, May, 1954, to May, 1956. Pages 36-39 of the enclosed "Changing Patterns in the New South" will also be of interest to you (as will the entire book, since you state that your interest extends beyond the role of the Negro in politics). Please remit $ .50 to the Southern Regional Council in payment for this booklet. Also enclosed is a copy of "The Negro Voter in the South," which you may have without charge.

In regard to your specific questions: (1) Negroes do have to pay taxes. State and federal income taxes for members of any race assessed on the basis of individual income and essential expenditure. Negroes in America pay for the rights of full citizenship. (2) A member of any race can become president if he is a citizen of the United States, if he meets the necessary age qualifications, and if he is elected to that office by the citizenry. Three members of the Negro race are presently serving their electorate in the United States House of Representatives: Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., New York; William L. Dawson, Illinois; and Charles Diggs, Jr., Michigan. Your library may have a copy of the Negro Yearbook, 11th edition, which lists on page 309 some of the more important American Negro office-holders in the Federal, state, and local governments (1951), as well as other

excellent material regarding the Negro office holder.

You may also wish to check recent periodicals in your library for further information.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bl

Enclosures

Changing Patterns
3 pp. Integration North and South
Negro Voter in the South

October 18, 1957

Mrs. Robert L. Wilcox, Secretary
Christian Social Relations
2205 Old Knoxville Highway
Maryville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Wilcox:

I am so distressed that I was not able to reach you. I left numerous messages for you. I am rather distressed as I know so little about for whom and where reservations are to be made.

The CSR secretaries that have said they are coming are: Rees, Barnhardt, Bragg, Williams, Howard, Duncan, Carter and McAbee. I need this information quickly. I suggested they would all stay at Atlanta University.

In your last letter you stated you felt you would have sixteen and so far only eight have accepted. I do hope all of them will be here.

With best wishes always,

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 18, 1957

Mrs. J. A. Burt
1815 Enterprise
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Martha:

Enclosed is a check for $55.00 for plane travel. We called and found this would cover your travel.

I am so glad you and Mrs. Harvey will be with us.

With love and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encl.

October 18, 1957

Mrs. J. W. Reese
Millersburg, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Reese:

Enclosed is a check for $50.00 for plane travel. Mrs. Wisehart was right in saying the trip would be $75.00, but she did not know that the hotel bill and meals would be paid in a lump sum by Southern Regional Council. You only sign for these when you leave.

I am glad you will be with us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encl.

October 18, 1957

Mrs. Esther Stamats
National Council of Churches
Christian Social Relations
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mrs. Stamats:

Your reservation is made at Atlanta University, a private room with bath.

It is certainly giving a lot of us joy that you will be with us.

With best wishes always.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 18, 1957

Mrs. E. U. Robinson
Post Office Box 511
Gallatin, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

I tried to call you the day I called Sadie but you were not at home. Later that week I called you at night and Mr. Robinson told me you were out of town. I wanted to come to see you. We will have a long conversation while you are here.

It is good to have Sadie's and your understanding.

Love and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

Copies of this letter were sent to:
Mrs. Leon McCluer
Mrs. J. C. Thompson
Mrs. Stella Collier
Miss Kay Lantz
Miss Nell Ensley

October 18, 1957

Mrs. Milton Gibson
Post Office Box 431
Pine Bluff, Wyoming

Dear Mrs. Gibson:

We have your recent request for information on "attitudes." We are enclosing some material herewith which may be of use to you; it is primarily concerned with research studies on existing feeling toward desegregation. Unfortunately, the enclosed reprint from the Scientific American, "Attitudes Toward Desegregation," has been damaged. It contains, however, much helpful information. One enclosure is a review of a publication which may be obtained from the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry; 1790 Broadway, New York, New York, at the price of $1.00 per copy. If your study is to include the development and results of prejudiced attitudes, I would recommend that you order this very valuable book directly from the G. A. P.

If this material does not serve your purpose, please write us, stating more specifically the nature of materials you desire.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bl

Enclosures

Attitudes -
Washington Post - "Integration Attitudes"
New Republic - Review of Psychiatric Aspects of School Desegregation

October 18, 1957

Mr. James Harden
UAW
95 Merritts Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Jim:

I am enclsoing a memo pulling together some thoughts on your topic of the need for FEPC in North Carolina. I am also sending you several small pamphlets:-

Discrimination Costs You Money
FEPC and the Cost of Discrimination
Third Annual Report on Equal Job Opportunity

I will send you, too, a book, The Negro Potential, which you may find useful for this and other purposes and which you may keep for your own.

I trust that all of this is not too much and will be of some use to you. Best wishes for a good meeting in North Carolina.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosures.

EFV:fcl

October 18, 1957

Memo from Emory F. Via to James Harden, UAW

Random thoughts on the need for FEPC in North Carolina.

1. Recognise that discrimination in employment does exist in North Carolina; it is seen in hiring practices, problems of upgrading, and in the opportunities for training by industry.

2. There are several fundamental and practical reasons why employment by merit is desirable, and probably necessary. ~~for practical reasons.~~

   a) Everyone's high standard of living can only be protected in the long run if a high level of purchasing power is widely distributed throughout the population.

   b) From a union or working man's point of view to keep a whole group of people, averaging one third of our population, in low job classifications solely because of race and without any regard for skill or potential skill is to maintain a forced cheap labor pool which will always threaten and be competitive with good job standards. In other words by our social customs, by industry and business practice, and often by law, we are participating in a system that threatens the very standards which unions seek to protect.

   c) There are practical psychological costs which might be expressed in terms of incentives. For instance, if training and job opportunities are not available, in all likelihood a member of a minority group who is so discriminated against ~~is likely to~~ will lose his incentive to better himself economically. In other ways the incentive problem arises as in the desire for better education and for better homes. These last two factors obviously affect community standards of us all.

   d) Recently Labor Secretary James Mitchell indicated that discrimination in employment cost the United States thirty billion dollars a year. Such a figure is always subject to honest dispute. This figure was seemingly derived by subtracting the actual earnings of minority groups from their potential earnings if all had been working at the level of their abilities.

3. What channels now exist to assure fair employment practices in North Carolina? Basically there are three:

   a) Moral persuasion, either by a group or ~~upon~~ on the part of an individual employer. There is little of this kind of activity in the state although the American Friends (Quakers) Service Committee office in High Point has maintained a program dedicated to this end.

   b) The Presidents Committee on Government Contracts. This channel is useful when the employer holds a government contract, ~~and when~~ discrimination can be shown, ~~and~~ good job applicants from discriminated groups are available, and ~~then~~ there is the patience and persistence to see that the complaint is processed until hiring takes place. This technique has been used in

some establishments in North Carolina; in a few cases management recognised its responsibility under the law and acted accordingly without a formal complaint being made. The situations that Via is aware of include the Western Electric plant in Winston-Salem and the Liggett Myers Company in Durham.

c) It is possible that non-discrimination hiring clauses can be negotiated in ~~labor-management~~ union-management contracts. A few unions claim to do this - for instance: the UPWA and IUE.

The sum of the breakdowns in employment discrimination resulting from these channels is negligible compared to the total employment picture in North Carolina. So we are left with this question: if the end of employment discrimination is desirable and necessary and the present means for ending discrimination have proved inadequate then what steps must we take? One obvious answer is to work for a state FEPC law. One should recognise, however, that this is an extremely large step - a reversal of the common practice of discrimination. Such a law would have the advantage of giving common protection to all who wished to remove discrimination in hiring in the sense that they would not then be the subjects of economic boycott or social retaliations.

4. We often forget when a controversial issue involving employment arises that many aspects of employment are legitimately the concern of public policy, and quite likely the concern of the Federal Government. Hours, conditions of work, wages, industrial relations, all have a great degree of regulation because it is for the general welfare. In the area of employment discrimination we are again faced with important issues of public policy even though we can recognise that such policy would affect private opinions and interests to a degree.

5. Remember that in North Carolina the two outstanding industries are textiles and tobacco. Textile has traditionally excluded Negroes from production and skilled employment. Tobacco has traditionally used Negroes, although today they are concentrated in the dirtier and lower paid jobs. A study of the Durham area in 1951 revealed that the employment patterns of Negroes there had not changed in ten years. The textile union itself accepted such Negro employees as there are into membership. The tobacco union accepted Negroes as members but put them into separate locals. A 1950 survey of 70 textile plants in Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina, indicated some changes in Negro employment were taking place. No mill surveyed had more than 10% Negro employment. Three large firms reported using Negroes on card machines. These were almost the only production jobs reported. This information is obtained from Selected Studies of Negro Employment in the South, published by the Committee of the South of the National Planning Association.

6. To show why North Carolina needs an FEPC is not to show that it is politically possible. Therefore it behoves us to consider how else to secure democratic practices in hiring. I would suggest that each of the channels now being used, mentioned in paragraph 3, can be more fully exploited. Education of the public along the line of would begin to create the climate that would make any or all kinds of programs seeking to end discrimination feasible. And of course support for national legislation in this field could be urged whether the majority of North Carolina's voters were interested in it or not.

Encl. Cong. Record

VIA AIR MAIL October 18, 1957

Mr. Morris H. Rubin, Editor
THE PROGRESSIVE MAGAZINE
Madison 3, Wisconsin

Dear Morris:

I've been holding off on a reply to your good letter of September 30 until circumstances would permit me to do justice to our suggestions for a special issue on the South. Because of flux and impending travel, that time isn't yet, so I'm writing you thus hastily and incompletely.

Your proposal for a January piece is fine. I will aim for the deadline you suggest.

There is not much of note to say about me, beyond the fact that I have been a staff member of the Southern Regional Council for ten years plus. I was born and raised in Georgia; went off to Harvard, where I got an A.B., served a three and a half year hitch in the Army during World War II, one of the outstanding features of which was making Gaylord's acquaintance. Since I first joined SRC in 1947 (as director of information), I've written a good deal for liberal magazines (Reporter, New Republic, the old Survey) and periodicals (The Annals, most recently, and co-authored one quasi-book Integration North and South). I've taken leave for a few extra-curricular projects, but it comes down to the fact that my claim to notoriety rests on my identification with SRC.

I have one foot out the door for a week of travel. When I return, I will write you a more leisurely letter about the proposed special issue. Meanwhile, my warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure. 1

Encls. "South of Promise"
Cong. Record
Grey folder - S.R.C.

October 18, 1957

Mrs. Carl L. Moser
316 Juniper Lane
Falls Church, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Moser:

I appreciated your recent letter greatly - much more than this delayed reply would indicate.

We in the Southern Regional Council are doing all we know how to play a constructive part in the present difficulties throughout the South. I don't know if it's possible for us to be the kind of decisive, organizing force that you so rightly feel is needed, though we would like to be. I have an unhappy feeling that the solution to our many and varied problems in the South are going to have to come piecemeal, through the efforts of many groups and individuals. We tend to think of the Southern Regional Council as a resource for these many different efforts, stimulating, servicing, and supporting their approaches in different parts of the region. I'm enclosing several pieces of material that will give you some idea of what we are trying to do.

There is a Virginia Council on Human Relations, as perhaps you already know. It was established as an affiliate of the Southern Regional Council, and we have been assisting it with funds and program services. I'm sure the Virginia Council would welcome an expression of your interest. The executive director is the Reverend John H. Marion, 1409 Chowan Road, Richmond 26, Virginia.

Again, my thanks to you for writing and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 18, 1957

Miss Katharine Taylor
Alumnae House
Poughkeepsie, New York

Dear Katharine:

Thanks for your note, which Paul Anthony acknowledged for me. I'm sufficiently recovered (from a virus) to be in the office and expect to be travelworthy Sunday. I'll call you from New York and see what the chances of a get-together are. I'm not yet sure myself whether I will return Thursday night or stay through Friday.

Howard K. Smith came through, and CBS granted permission for us to publish his broadcast in New South -- which we plan to do. I enclose a copy of the text, in case you haven't yet received one.

Yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure: 1

VIA AIR MAIL

October 18, 1957

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
Doubleday & Company, Inc.
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Adam:

Good news about your forthcoming Southern trip.

Harry Ashmore has just done a book, scheduled for Fall publication, I think, though I don't recall the publisher. Title: "An Epitaph for Dixie." Knowing Harry, I have no doubt he could do another one, full length, on Little Rock. Whether you or he would want one so close on the heels of his all-South opus, is the question.

I'm to be with Loescher in Philadelphia day after tomorrow, and with Freeman in New York next week. We'll turn down an empty glass for you.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
(Signed in Mr. Fleming's absence)

October 18, 1957

Mr. Vinton E. Ziegler
58 Barrow Street
New York 14, New York

Dear Vinton:

This delay in replying to your recent welcome letter is mostly explained by my reluctance to give a wholely negative response. Unfortunately, that is what it must be. Nothing has developed within the Council that makes it possible for us to make use of your services. As you probably know, Frank Loescher has ended his relationship with the Fund for the Republic and is now doing freelance consulting with various organizations. It made a great deal of sense for us to work out an arrangement, very limited but very helpful for us, for Frank to give some of his time to interpreting the work of the Council in appropriate places. It looks as though this is going to be about all we can manage in this direction.

As to the question of reference, nothing would please me more than to be able to give you boost. You can be sure that any word I might be called on to say would be favorable, although what I could say from first-hand experience would necessarily be limited.

I do hope that the right opportunity will appear soon. Meanwhile, you have my good wishes and best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 18, 1957

Mr. William K. Wyant, Jr.
ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH
News Department
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Bill:

It was good to hear from you after so long a time. Nothing could be more pleasant than a solid justification for paying St. Louis another visit and the prospect of seeing you and Carita out there.

I talked with Quig about the matter by telephone today. My first reaction had been doubt that I could bring anything useful to a discussion with Mr. Priest and his associates. But after talking with Quig and getting some idea of the broad-gauged approach to these problems that is going on in St. Louis, I got increasingly enthusiastic about the idea. I still don't know if I can be of any help, but it sounds like the kind of head-knocking that I am at home with. Certainly Sam Priest sounds like a first-rate guy.

I left it with Quigley that I could come out for a day or two week after next. He is to discuss that with Mr. Priest and let me know.

Thanks for thinking of me. I hope I will be seeing you and Carita soon.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 18, 1957

Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg
Courier Journal, WHAS
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Dorcas:

I was glad to have your recent letter setting forth the Kentucky Council's plans for the new fiscal year. As you may know, on the basis of that, the first quarterly check was sent to the state office on October 1.

It is good to know that you have set your sights high. Let us know how we can help the Kentucky Council achieve its fine goals.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 18, 1957

Mr. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N. E. 2nd Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

Just a word of heartfelt appreciation for your last letter.

Your warmth, sincerity, and optimism give us all a lift. With that spirit, I don't see how you can fail in Florida. Keep some in reserve in case we need it!

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 18, 1957

Mr. Frank Kelly
Vice-President
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

Enclosed is a copy of our full report on the survey of Negro suffrage in the South, the most ambitious project carried out under the fact-finding grant from the Fund. I'm also enclosing a reprint from the Congressional Record which gives some idea of the way preliminary reports of these findings figured in the recent civil rights debate in Congress.

If you have use for more copies of either, let me know and I will send them promptly.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures.

October 18, 1957

Dr. Herman H. Long, Director
Race Relations Department
Fisk University Office
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Herm:

Thanks for your "off the record" letter of October 11 asking about the possibilities of affiliation between the Nashville Conference and the Tennessee Council. Actually this is a matter for negotiation between the members of the respective organizations, but of course we are anxious to help in any way possible. It should be understood that the Tennessee Council is now an autonomous group no longer officially affiliated with SRC.

We are prepared to grant up to $3,000 for the 1957-58 fiscal year to the Tennessee Council. One stipulation upon which we insist is that any group to whom we grant money include in their by-laws the following paragraph: "No substantial part of the activities of this organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation or engaging in any form of political activity."

Such a statement would have to be included in the by-laws of any group seeking to affiliate with the Tennessee Council if it were to receive funds from SRC. Further, the by-laws of the Nashville Conference should be compatible with the by-laws of the Tennessee Council; this would of course include purposes, goals, and methods of operation.

It would probably be desirable for the Nashville Conference to keep its own name and identity and provide for joint membership with the Tennessee Council. Listed below are three alternative possibilities for such joint membership:

1. Five dollar membership with $1.00 going to the local; $2.00 to the state; and $2.00 for New South.

2. Five dollar membership with $2.00 going to the local and $3.00 to the state. New South $2.00 extra (optional).

3. Seven-fifty membership with $2.50 going to the local; $3.00 to the state; and $2.00 for New South.

Dr. Herman H. Long October 18, 1957

Since the office of the Tennessee Council will be maintained in Nashville a substantial part of the time of the state executive director could be devoted to work with the local affiliate, the Nashville Conference. Thus, monies going to the state would be like bread cast upon the waters for there would be a handsome return in the use of competent staff on the local level. Monies reserved to the Nashville Conference could be used for such purposes as the Board of that group might determine.

A group that is as well organised and is as strong as the Nashville Conference has a responsibility to the rest of the state to assist local affiliates in other communities organize and move ahead towards desegregation of their schools.

There has been some misunderstanding on the part of some people in Tennessee in that they feel they are struggling to do what we want them to do but the nasty old SRC won't give them money. Such has not been the case. For more than three years we have pleaded with local leadership to come together, form a Board and assume the responsibility for administering the affairs of the Tennessee Council. In our financial agreement with the Fund monies were provided for each state organization but they had to be used during a given fiscal year. At the close of each fiscal year sums not used by state organizations had to be allocated for other purposes. Much of this money was used to build interracial staffing in state organizations and to provide for extra services to state boards and staffs from the central office.

I hope this is helpful to you in your deliberations about what can be done in Tennessee. I have talked it over with Harold and with John and we are all anxious for something good to come out of Tennessee.

See you at the NAIRO conference in Kansas City if not before.

Best wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

October 18, 1957

Mr. E.G. Kloppe
Executive Director
Texas Commission on Race Relations
504 West 24th Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

Enclosed are two things of some interest to you, probably in an ascending order:

1. A letter to Mrs. Crate.

2. A check for the first quarterly payment of the allocation to Texas for the fiscal year 1957-58.

We would appreciate it if you would write and let us know how your preliminary expedition to Dallas came out. I think you will find that though he is new to the state Gus Falk has good contacts in Dallas, some of which reach to the very top.

Good luck on this very important task.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosures.

FBR:fcl

October 18, 1957

Mrs. James S. Crate
Texas Commission on Race Relations
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Dr. Parrish and I flew out to Austin this past weekend and met with staff members from a variety of human relations agencies in the state. Each of them expressed enthusiasm about the idea of working on a cooperative basis and having the Texas Council's office serve as secretariat. They agreed that priority should be given to work in Dallas at this time for it is under court order and must face up to some decision, probably at mid-term. Each of the agencies agreed to alert local constituents in the Dallas area and to request their cooperation in the inter-agency effort.

Mr. Kloppe will spend considerable time during the next three months in the Dallas area pulling together, counselling with, and planning with representatives of other agencies. This effort will be quiet in nature and without publicity. The Texas Council staff will serve as clearing house for other agencies so that each will know what is being done by the others. At the same time each will seek to prepare its own constituency for peaceful transition when the actual order is at hand. This effort will involve some of the status persons and key leadership of the Dallas community.

On the basis of this program, which we think is highly significant, we are allocating to the Texas Council on Human Relations the sum of $2,500. It will be paid in quarterly instalments and is earmarked for salary of professional staff. We wish that it had been possible to

Mrs. James S. Crate October 18, 1957

allocate a larger sum to Texas, but the needs of each of the states had to be weighed and the money divided accordingly. We are sending the first quarterly check, as we have in other states, to the Executive Director for deposit in the account of the Texas Council.

I hope that this letter finds you in your usual good health and happy state of mind. Hope the Buick is running well and that you are not playing the role of speed demon too often. Watch out for the State Troopers!

Fondly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

cc: Mr. E.G. Kloppe

FBR:fcl

VIA AIR MAIL

October 21, 1957

Mrs. W. F. Bates
125 Atkins Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Bates:

We of the Council deeply regret that you will not be with us for the annual meeting. Unfortunately, the original dates of the 12th and 13th remain.

The enclosed material is being sent to all Board Members. In the slight event that your plans have changed, we will be happy to arrange accommodations for you. Under any circumstance, we look forward to seeing you this week.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures.

October 21, 1957

Mr. William K. Williams
213 N.E. Second Avenue
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Billiam:

Thanks for the copy of your letter to Harry Ashmore. Your analysis of the situation in Florida is good. It seems to us that on a regional basis some of the things you say are also applicable. It seems that the "Little Rock Affair" has had profound influence on the thinking of anybody capable of thought. Obviously this does not include all Southern politicians. I have talked with people in Virginia, Texas, and North Carolina, about the effects of Little Rock and each of them has said that it is now apparent to them, really for the first time, that the Federal Government is serious in its intentions to see this thing through.

SRC's nominating committee in casting about for new blood for the SRC Board asked me for any suggestions I might have from Florida, since that is my home state. I recommended two people - Bill Baggs of the Miami Daily News and Bishop Louttit (who is on your Board). I have written Bill. I am in the process of writing the Bishop. A word of encouragement from you to both of them about us would be helpful.

If it is possible I will try to make the annual meeting. Would appreciate some advance notice of the date decided upon.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

October 21, 1957

Mr. Earl Mazo
Washington Bureau
NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE
National Press Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mazo:

In compliance with your request of this date, we are sending you a copy of our Negro voter survey which is enclosed. Also, we are placing your name on our complimentary mailing list to receive our monthly bulletin, New South, and other publications as they are released.

We appreciate your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary

MF
Enclosure: "The Negro Voter in the South"

October 21, 1957

Mr. and Mrs. James Stokely
405 Clifton Heights
Newport, Tennessee

Dear Wilma and Jim:

The nominating committee of the SRC asked the professional staff for suggestions of new members for the Board of SRC. I suggested, among others, one of you. The nominating committee liked the idea and in a novel procedure asked me to write you and invite one of you to membership of the Board. The novel part of the procedure consists of the fact that you are to determine which one of you would find it possible to serve. I have always thought of you as a team and therefore find it impossible to decide between you. We try to balance the Board on a geographical and occupational, a racial and an interest area basis. You both meet all qualifications, except that we need only one from your section of Tennessee. So would you please give serious thought to the matter and let me know your decision within a fortnight, say by November 1st. I am enclosing some further materials about SRC for use in your deliberations.

I see that we have both been blasted for our participation in the Highlander Labor Day weekend workshop. I always regret that the opposition cannot be sufficiently intellectually honest to disagree with us only on the basis of principle, but that they have to resort to mud slinging and name calling. But so be it.

I read the chapter from your book which appeared in the New York Sunday Times. The prose style is truly poetic and the content shows a depth of understanding that few interpreters of our time have.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR;fcl

October 21, 1957

Rt. Rev. Henry I. Louttit
Episcopal Diocese of South Florida
458 Virginia Drive
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Bishop:

The nominating committee of the Southern Regional Council asked the various professional staff members if they had any suggestions for prospective Board members of SRC. It was my pleasure to suggest your name. I did this for the following three reasons:

1. As an Episcopalian reared in the Diocese of South Florida I have known you as an outstanding churchman. This dates back to the time when you were pastor in my uncle's church in West Palm Beach.

2. I know that you have been an outstanding advocate of law and order and sensible progress towards compliance with the Supreme Court decision.

3. You have served on the Board of our state affiliate, the Florida Council on Human Relations.

I am enclosing some material about the Council which I believe will be of interest to you. Would it be possible for you to give adequate consideration to this invitation in the next fortnight and let me know by the first of November whether it would be possible for you to serve. Board members are elected in mid-November and the responsibility entails one meeting per year, travel expenses for which are paid by the Council. Other Floridians who have been recent members of the Board of SRC include: Rev. Caxton Doggett (Winter Park), Mr. Hollis Rinehart (Miami), Dean A.L. Kidd (Florida A & M), and Mr. Herbert Davidson (Daytona Beach). These men, you will note, have all been active in the Florida Council as well.

Best personal regards.

Respectfully,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR;FCL

October 21, 1957

Mr. Arthur L. Johnson
Executive Secretary
Detroit Branch - NAACP
606 East Vernor Highway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I appreciated your letter and telephone call of last week and greatly regretted that I couldn't accept your invitation to participate in the NAIRO annual conference.

As you know, however, Fred Routh will be representing us. I am sure he will contribute in every way possible to the success of the conference.

With appreciation for the leadership you are giving to NAIRO, and with kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
(Signed in Mr. Fleming's absence.)

VIA AIR MAIL

October 21, 1957

Mrs. Marion R. Ascoli
23 Gramercy Park South
New York 3, New York

Dear Mrs. Ascoli:

I appreciated your note of several weeks ago and, of course, have shared your deep concern over the events of Little Rock. I think you would like to know that both white and Negro members of our affiliate, the Arkansas Council on Human Relations, have worked closely with many of the parents and children involved in the trying experiences there - particularly the Negro families. This has at least helped a bit to reduce the warping effect that such an experience might be expected to have.

Dr. Ascoli's editorial in the current issue of The Reporter is a magnificent statement of the basic problem in achieving desegregation. I haven't seen these home truths stated so well in any other national publication.

With warm good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
(Signed in Mr. Fleming's absence)
Enclosure - 1 Congressional Record

Same Ltr. sent to: Mr. Clayton Sutton
911 Young Street
Dallas 2, Texas

Mr. Lindley Clark
44 Broad Street
New York 4, New York

October 21, 1957

Mr. Albert Clark
THE WALL STREET JOURNAL
1015 - 14th Street, N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mr. Clark:

Enclosed you will find a copy of our booklet, "Next Steps in the South - Answers to Current Questions", which we are sending you at the request of Mr. Ed Cony. This pamphlet contains the map which Mr. Cony discussed with you in the New York meeting covering race relations in the South.

If we can be of any further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1

October 21, 1957

Mr. Ed Cony
THE WALL STREET JOURNAL
Barnett National Bank Bldg.
Jacksonville 2, Florida

Dear Mr. Cony:

In the absence of Mr. Fleming, we are sending the booklet, "Next Steps in the South - Answers to Current Questions", to the persons listed in your letter of the 14th.

There is no charge; in fact we'll be happy to send along anything else if the need arises.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA
JAckson 2-8764

HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

October 21, 1957

MEMORANDUM

TO: State organizations

FROM: John Constable, Director of Information

RE: Intimidation and violence in connection with civil rights

The Reverend Robert Hughes, executive director of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, recently suggested that a roundup of cases of intimidation and violence in the South in connection with civil rights would be useful. We strongly endorse this.

Indications are that such incidents may be on the increase and a careful documentation of such cases would be helpful in interesting national media in interpreting this angle of the segregation controversy. This information also should be extremely useful to the Federal Government in its continued investigation of civil rights violations. As you know, the Commission on Civil Rights is soon to be impanelled to study such situations as these.

And so we would be grateful if your organization will cooperate with the Southern Regional Council in documenting material for such a report.

Suggestions for such a report are:

(1) The period for documentation of such material should be

from August, 1956, to the present time. All cases of physical violence should be listed. The intimidation listings should include all types of intimidation; such as economic, extensive telephone threats, Klan and other resistance group activity when clearly used as specific threats to a community (the Klan parade in Gray, Ga., to frighten Negroes from using theater there); and the many other examples, both overt and subtle. These will help establish any patterns that might exist. Reason for threat or violence should be included if known.

(2) Each case of intimidation or violence in your state during this period should be carefully documented to make our study as authoritative as possible and to lessen the chance of libel.

(3) Each listing should be based on a newspaper article or a reliable substitute. Verbal accounts should be included, but full details as to source should accompany such reports. Both daily and weekly newspapers in your state should be checked for such incidents. If possible SRC would like the newspaper clipping (which could be returned if necessary). If it is not possible to send clipping, then each incident taken from a newspaper account should include name and date of paper.

(4) Other agencies in your state could be checked for possible knowledge of such incidents.

(5) If your organization decides to cooperate in this project, final report date should be December 13, 1957.

(6) An initial report as to progress and additional suggestions would be welcomed by SRC by November 8, 1957.

October 21, 1957

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena's Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

Following the very successful conference of the South Carolina Council last week, I want to extend a word of commendation to you and to Penn Community Services.

It must give you great satisfaction to consider the unique importance of Penn's function as a conference center where groups composed of both races can meet in a pleasant and relaxed atmosphere. There is no counterpart of Penn, certainly not in the deep South.

I heard many participants in last week's conference comment enthusiastically on the congeniality and comfort of Penn's facilities. They spoke my own sentiments exactly, and I thought it only proper to pass them on to you.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
(Signed in Mr. Fleming's absence)

October 21, 1957

Mr. John Hope II
Fisk University
Nashville 8
Tennessee

Dear John:

I am sending you the enclosed memo because there is no Executive Director of the Tennessee Council. I suggest that you talk over the Nashville situation with the Executive Committee of either the Tennessee Council or the Nashville Conference to determine whether it would be profitable to talk with the Nashville Chief of Police. After you have used the book it might be helpful to forward it and the memo to Galen Martin for use in the Knoxville situation.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosures

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
RM. 432, 63 AUBURN AVE., N. E.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

October 21, 1957

To: Selected state Executive Directors

From: Frederick B. Routh, Assistant Director

Subject: Violence prevention and mob control

Recent experiences in newly desegregating communities would seem to indicate that police forces either are not aware of established principles of mob control or failed to utilize fully what knowledge they possessed.

Way back in November 1955, I sent you a memo containing a resume of the best thinking on this topic. I suggest you dig it out of the files and re-read it.

I am sending you, separately, the manual of the Louisville Police Department which is used at the Southern Police Institute. It is an excellent manual and deserves careful study.

Several of the communities in your state are newly in the process of desegregation or face the probabilities of desegregation within the foreseeable future. We recommend that you pay a personal visit to the Chiefs of Police in such communities and lend them this book for, say, a two week period.

Only you can decide how applicable this is to the situations in the communities of your state and only you can decide the priority in which you will see each of the Chiefs involved.

October 22, 1957

Mr. C. M. Shaw, Director
Department of Education
Louisiana State Labor Council, AFL-CIO
427 Ricou-Brewster Building
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Carol:

It was good to have been with you again this past weekend. The institutes seem to be shaping up very well.

This is a reminder that I would like to have copies of the photographs which show me at the blackboard and instructing the class during the Baton Rouge institute. One print showing most of the group together would also be useful. I will be happy to pay such charges as are necessary.

I look forward to seeing you again on Friday evening, November ~~4th~~ 1st in Shreveport.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

The attached mailed to:

Frank Loescher
Ed Cony
George K. Hunton
Richard K. Bennett
Ted V. Fisher
Vernon Eagle
(October 10, 1957)

Board Members (SRC)
John Hope, II
C. H. Parrish
Each State Staff Exec. Dir.
SRC Consultants
(October 14, 1957)

M. A. Wright - Oct. 17, 1957
Miss Marie-Anne defranz Oct. 18, 1957
Mrs. Carl L. Moser Oct. 18, 1957
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SPEECH

OF

HON. PAUL H. DOUGLAS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Friday, July 26, 1957

Mr. DOUGLAS. Mr. President, at various times in the past I have quoted the publications of the Southern Regional Council. The Southern Regional Council is composed entirely of southerners, men and women of good will of both races in the South. It is in no sense a lobbying organization. I have been able to obtain material it provides through the Library of Congress, at my request.

I think the statement which has been prepared on the origins and aims of the Southern Regional Council should be printed in the RECORD at this point so as to indicate the high qualifications of the council and its emotional attachment to the South. So I ask unanimous consent, Mr. President, that the statement be printed in the RECORD at this point.

There being no objection, the statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL: A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF ITS ORIGINS AND AIMS, APRIL 1956

"The South of the future toward which our efforts are directed, is a South freed of stultifying inheritances from the past. It is a South where the measure of a man will be his ability, not his race; where a common citizenship will work in democratic understanding for the common good; where all who labor will be rewarded in proportion to their skill and achievement; where all can feel confident of personal safety and equality before the law; where there will exist no double standard in housing, health, education, or other public services; where segregation will be recognized as a cruel and needless penalty on the human spirit, and will no longer be imposed; where, above all, every individual will enjoy a full share of dignity and self-respect, in recognition of his creation in the image of God." (From a Statement of Policy and Aims of the Southern Regional Council (1951).)

SRC AND THE COMMISSION ON INTERRACIAL COOPERATION

The Southern Regional Council and its predecessor, the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, have a history of 35 years of constructive activity.

In the troubled days following World War I, race conflict and the lawlessness of terror organizations reached such proportions that the need for new techniques of restoring harmony could not be ignored. To meet this need, interracial committees were formed in cities and towns throughout the South. It was found that by bringing together influential members of both races grievances could be aired, mutual problems discussed, and a meeting of minds effected. This method had such beneficial results that interracial committees became an established part of the life of the South in the early twenties. Their influence became southwide through the formation of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, a central organization with headquarters in Atlanta.

The commission was founded in 1919 by a group of the South's leading church men and women. Among them were Dr. M. Ashby Jones, prominent Baptist minister, Dr. John Hope, president of Atlanta University, Mr. John J. Eagan, businessman and philanthropist, Dr. Plato Durham, dean of the Emory University Theology School, Dr. Robert Moton, president of Tuskegee Institute, and Dr. Will W. Alexander, the commission's director. Its work in behalf of sound race relations was acclaimed by the South's leading newspapers, religious leaders, and by many public officials.

The commission helped organize, extend, and guide the work of State and local interracial committees. It assisted them in making their influence felt by newspapers, civil authorities, churches, school officials, police administrators, and health officers. It gave much attention to factual analysis of the problem of lynching and other forms of interracial violence. Its auxiliary, the Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching, under the direction of Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames, did much to educate public opinion in the causes and possible remedies for such violence.

From these early activities, the commission built up a body of acquaintance and confidence that has been an increasing asset through the years. The traditional barrier between the races was broken down to allow an interchange of ideas and mutual trust. The notion of cooperative action by people of good will, both white and Negro, took root and has continued to grow. In its 25 years of operation, the commission made the meeting of white and Negro citizens for the discussion of common problems an accepted practice almost everywhere in the South. It marshalled thousands of southern church people in opposition to lynching and other injustices, brought new light to bear on race relations, issued 2 million copies of pamphlets and leaflets, and symbolized the faith of the southern white people and Negro people in the processes of mutual agreement and cooperation.

Transition to SRC

In 1939 the leaders of the commission began to explore the possibility of expanding the activities of the organization to permit a broader approach to the problems of the South. In October, 1940, the commission instructed its executive committee to "take whatever steps are necessary to carry out the plans for the formation of a council on southern regional development," which would include in its program "the work of the commission and other activities connected with the economic, educational, and social development of the South."

Meanwhile the efforts of other progressive southerners were leading them to a similar purpose. The first movement in that direction took place when a group of southern Negro leaders met in Durham, N. C., on October 20, 1942, to set forth just what the Negro wants and is expecting of the postwar South

and Nation, and to enlist the aid of interested white southerners. The result of this historic conference was a comprehensive statement covering the following areas: Political and civil rights, industry and labor, service occupations, education, agriculture, military service, and social welfare and health. Many social thinkers regarded the Durham statement as the most hopeful pronouncement on race relations that had come out of the South in the last 75 years.

In April 1943 a group of southern white leaders met in Atlanta to consider the statement of the Durham conference. These white leaders found the statement so frank and courageous, so free from any suggestion of threat and ultimatum, and so demonstrative of good will, that they gladly pledged their cooperation. "The need," they concluded, "is for a positive program arrived at in an atmosphere of understanding, cooperation, and mutual respect."

SRC organized

Representatives of both the Durham and Atlanta conferences met in Richmond in June 1943, to work out further details. The Durham statement was adopted as a general guide to action, and a continuing committee was appointed to devise practical means of approach. The organizing meeting of the council was held in response to a call issued by some of the South's finest leadership, including C. H. Gillman, Georgia director, CIO; George L. Googe, southern director, AFL; M. Ashby Jones, Baptist minister; Ryland Knight, Baptist minister; Rabbi David Marx, The Temple, Atlanta; Bishop Arthur J. Moore, the Methodist Church; Ralph McGill, editor, the Atlanta Constitution; Stuart R. Oglesby, Presbyterian minister; Most Rev. Gerald P. O'Hara, bishop of Savannah-Atlanta; Dean S. Paden, president, King Hardware Co.; J. McDowell Richards, president, Columbia Theological Seminary; Bishop John Moore Walker, the Protestant Episcopal Church; Goodrich C. White, president, Emory University.

Following the deliberations of this group and a subsequent conference with southern Negro leaders, the SRC was chartered early in 1944. The incorporators were Bishop Arthur J. Moore; Ralph McGill; Dr. Rufus E. Clement, president of Atlanta University; Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president of Fisk University; and Dr. Howard W. Odum, professor of sociology at the University of North Carolina. At the charter meeting, the Commission on Interracial Cooperation met and formally merged its program and assets with those of the council. A strong and democratic council had been established to attain through research and action the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the region.

Since this auspicious beginning, the council's membership has included distinguished southerners, white and Negro, in all walks of life. Dr. Odum was the first president of the organization. He was succeeded by Paul D. Williams, of Richmond, Va., a prominent Catholic layman and cofounder of the Catholic Committee of the South. Mr. Williams served as president for 6 years—from 1945 until 1951. He was succeeded by Mr. Marion A. Wright, widely known as a South Carolina attorney active in civic and educational affairs, now living in Linville Falls, N. C.

How SRC works

The Southern Regional Council consists of a board of some 80 southerners representing the major religious faiths, both races, and the 13 States of the region. These people are the Southern Regional Council. They make the policies and review all activities at an annual meeting. They elect an executive committee which meets at least every 3 months to give closer direction to the organization. And full reports of all activities are sent to the members quarterly. The council is nonprofit, nonpolitical, and nondenominational.

Financial support for the council has come from many different individuals and organizations. Some of the organizations are: the Julius Rosenwald Fund, General Education Board, the Fund for the Republic, Division of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, Phelps-Stokes Fund, Catholic Committee of the South, Board of Education of the Methodist Church, Ashby Jones Memorial Fund, Committee on Woman's Work of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Marshall Field Foundation, the Doris Duke Foundation, various trade unions, and some business firms. Individuals support the council through contributions, legacies, and payment of membership dues.

What SRC does

The council's present functions may be summarized as follows: (1) Clearinghouse and coordinating work with numerous agencies working on southern problems; (2) research and survey to determine the facts and the state of public opinion as a basis for sound social action; (3) educational activities through a monthly bulletin, the New South, and through pamphlets, press, radio, television, conferences, and personal contacts; (4) consultative services to private and official agencies; (5) promotion of specific programs of action through the council staff and affiliated State organizations.

Following are some of the areas with which the SRC's educational program has been concerned:

Employment of Negro policemen in southern communities.

Newspaper handling of racial news.

Community self-surveys, in which local people of both races study their problems as a basis for achieving local solutions.

Conferences of leading white and Negro southerners with common concerns and a common desire to further democratic practices in their areas of interest—religion, health, housing, education, etc.

Voluntary decisions to open professional associations, private colleges, public libraries, and the like to all qualified persons without respect to race.

The right to vote without racial discrimination or intimidation.

Impartial enforcement of the law and administration of justice in the South.

Orderly compliance at the community level with the recent decisions of the Supreme Court holding public school segregation unconstitutional.

Church support

Church people have always been the moving force in the southern interracial movement. This is as true today as it was 35 years ago. All of the major religious groups represented in the South have taken their stand in favor of the principle embodied in the Supreme Court's segregation ruling. The Court ruling was endorsed by the Southern Baptist Convention, many of the southern conferences of the Methodist Church, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (southern), the Province of Sewanee (southeastern) of the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Catholic Bishops of the South, the various Jewish religious and fraternal groups, and virtually all of the other denominations found in the South. It is only natural that many religious southerners should seek to put the principles of their faith into everyday practice.

The Southern Regional Council and the affiliated State groups have enjoyed both financial and moral support from religious bodies representing the three major faiths.

Dr. George S. Mitchell, executive director of the council, received the 1953 annual award of the Catholic committee of the South "for his significant contribution to the welfare of the South."

Affiliated State organizations

With the aid of a grant from the Fund for the Republic, the Southern Regional Council is assisting interracial organizations in 12 Southern States—Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. Each of these organizations has its own membership, officers, and staff. In each case, people of the State involved make their own decisions as to policy and program. Affiliation with the Southern Regional Council is voluntary, and the purpose of the short-term financial aid from SRC is to help the State groups become strong, self-sustaining human relations agencies.

Toward the South of the future

The Southern Regional Council's main asset is and has always been those southerners who believe deeply in democratic practices, and who know firsthand the problems of the region. On such people rest the hopes of the South. They have wanted a regional organization, not out of any provincial desire to separate the South's problems from the Nation's, but out of the conviction that such an organization has unique advantages. It can express the best and often neglected elements of Southern thought and con-

science; it can serve as a convincing demonstration of southerners working together as fellow citizens without regard to race; and it can tap local resources and initiative often inaccessible to national groups.

The Southern Regional Council and its affiliates seek to be practical organizations, aiming at working solutions rather than spectacular pronouncements. They hold the belief that every community must ultimately find its own answers within the framework of law and conscience. They offer no master blueprint, no sovereign remedy for the South's human problems. But they do offer a method—that of representative citizens, white and Negro, coming together in equal dignity to find the best ways to move ahead.

Mr. DOUGLAS. Mr. President, following the statement with respect to the Southern Regional Council, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the body of the RECORD a most extraordinarily able survey the Southern Regional Council has made, which is just off the press, under date of July 18, 1957. Again I wish to emphasize I have obtained the material at my request from the Library of Congress to show that it was in no sense forced upon me, so to speak.

The survey deals State by State with the various ways in which Negroes are prevented from voting in the South. I highly commend this factual account to the Members of the Senate, as we debate part IV of the bill.

There being no objection, the survey was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

THE NEGRO VOTER IN THE SOUTH—PART OF A REPORT OF A SURVEY BY THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

(Furnished on his request to Senator DOUGLAS by the Library of Congress, Legislative Reference Service)

DISCRIMINATION AND INTIMIDATION

Just as the main segregationist movement has switched from the white sheet of the Ku Klux Klan to the white collar of the citizens council, so has the pattern of discrimination against the Negro southerner changed in recent years.

In no field is this gradual shift to subtler methods seen more clearly than in a study of Negro registration and voting. Killings, beatings, the dragging of Negroes from their homes in the middle of the night—these are now rare occurrences, compared to previous decades.

Overt violence is, in brief, the exception rather than the rule for racist dealing with assertive Negro citizens. The threat of violent tactics, however, is kept alive in some areas by anonymous telephone calls to Negro leaders. Crosses still are burned, jobs threatened. Occasionally, homes are shot into or bombed.

But, today, with less obvious means employed generally, Negroes interested in voting are far more likely to be barred by a question on the Constitution than by a rope or whip.

Alabama

The Alabama consultant directed a field survey in each of the counties in his State. According to these reports:

Negroes might be treated courteously, as in Bullock County, Ala., where the board of registrars has received Negro applicants pleasantly, let them fill out forms, then told them they didn't pass—with no reasons given. In this county, with 5,423 Negroes of voting age, only 6 were registered in the summer of 1956. In 1953, more than 100 attempted to register; in 1955, only 20 even tried, and of these 19 were refused. One of the six registered succeeded only on his seventh trip to the board.

In other counties of central Alabama, like Bullock, Negroes encounter greater difficulty. This is the black-belt section of the State, so-called because of the dark rich soil, an area where 15 counties have populations over 50 percent Negro.

Among these is Dallas, where only 275 of the 18,132 Negroes of voting age are registered.[1] In 1956 alone, at least 350 were turned down. Some reported that they filled out questionnaires 3 or 4 times but still were not sent registration certificates. Many reported they were given no help in filling out forms although white applicants were. One Negro teacher who registered was fired allegedly for being "too smart;" this frightened many other teachers.

Marengo, another county in the Alabama black belt, simply seems to have stopped registering Negroes. Of 10,223 eligible, 170 were registered before the Supreme Court decision calling for an end to segregated schools. This, plus formation of a local citizens council, is reported to have hardened the lines of white resistance to Negro equality and to have put the brakes on Negro registration.

In Monroe County, Ala., where 140 of the 5,914 Negroes of voting age are registered, other hopeful applicants said more often than not they found the board of registrars had "misplaced the application forms" or told them to return later. Registrars in Hale County, where 130 of 7,036 eligible Negroes are on the voting roll, have turned down 300 in the past 2 years for "failure to fill out forms correctly."

One Negro teacher in Alabama said she was refused because she didn't know the address of her estranged husband. Many Alabama boards require two voters to vouch for all Negro applicants and some require Negroes to produce white character witnesses. Registrars in one county where about 2 percent of nearly 7,000 Negroes over 21 have registered announced that a "good white man" must accompany Negro applicants.

In a black-belt county which is somewhat less than 50 percent Negro, registrars closed their office when a group of Negroes appeared. Other Negro applicants said they were told when the board would meet but then found no one present on arrival. A Negro leader who encouraged other Negroes to vote reported he was threatened anonymously by telephone and told to stop his activities or he would be run out of town. Only about 200 of over 5,000 Negroes have registered.

A Negro leader in Coosa County, Ala., also said he was threatened. Crosses were burned in front of the homes of two leaders of a Negro voters' drive in Choctow County. In the latter, 112 of 4,819 Negroes of voting age are registered; 28 said they were turned down on their first try, but accepted the second time. Most of those initially refused are teachers; maids and yardmen have found it somewhat easier to enroll.

Birmingham and surrounding Jefferson County present one of the gloomiest pictures for Negroes in the South. In no other major city of the region has it been so difficult for them to vote. Only about 7,000 of 121,510 Negroes over 21 are registered; at least that many more have been turned down. Instead of the standard form and the character witnesses, Jefferson County registrars have employed another method unique in the State: Added questions about government. They might ask on what date the 10th amendment to the Constitution became effective, what was the 14th State to be admitted to the Union, on what date did Oklahoma change from a territory to a State? They have recognized no limits to their power to interrogate. While Negroes have been the board's main target, white union members, particularly if they wear overalls or work clothes, have reported that they sometimes find registration difficult or impossible. Negroes appearing before the board often have been questioned for from 35 to 40 minutes; they have had to line up separately, and the longer the line the longer the questioning.

Strong, in his study of Jefferson County, described the method used by registrars to avoid suits with the following hypothetical case: a person who failed to satisfy the board was told orally he did not qualify; the applicant then secured an attorney and filed a suit, which was a signal for the board to register the plaintiff. His suit collapsed and no court has an opportunity to pass on section 33 of the Alabama Code and the "qualified to register" phrase.[2]

In Macon County, Ala., home of famed Tuskegee Institute, many college trained Negroes have found the barriers impregnable. Negroes outnumber white persons about 5 to 1; of the 14,526 of voting age, 1,100 have reg-

[1] Registration figures used are those of 1956.

[2] Donald S. Strong, Registration of Voters in Alabama (Bureau of Public Administration, University of Alabama).

istered. By contrast, the Associated Press reported in April 1956, that 2,700 out of a total Macon County white population of 5,000 had registered, or that fewer than 100 white persons over 21 had failed to do so. An Alabama observer said that the board of registrars would sit until all white citizens interested had registered and then resign. In any event, for the major part of 1956, there was no board in the county, for 2 of the 3 members resigned and it takes at least 2 to transact business. This was at least the third time in a decade this had happened.

North Carolina

In North Carolina, as in other States with literacy laws, the registrar has considerable latitude. He can have the applicant copy indicated sections of the State constitution or he can dictate. Some Negroes have protested the use of dictation, since a registrar often reads too fast or uses a particularly difficult section. However, the State board of elections has upheld a registrar's right to use this means of testing.

A Negro attorney in a rural eastern county of North Carolina said that in certain precincts of this and adjoining counties, "It takes a white man only a few minutes to get registered, but it may take an hour for a Negro. Actually, the latter is given an academic rather than a literacy test. In this county, the tests are tough and the literacy rate low, which doubly handicaps the Negro. The tests given here actually require an interpretation of law."

A Negro college graduate in North Carolina who attempted to register for the May 1956, primary said he was turned down because he could not write a section of the State constitution from memory. Some registrars who want to disqualify Negroes have asked for a definition of such words as "ordained," "sovereignty," "posterity," etc. The replies often do not satisfy the registrar.

But there are counties throughout the State, including the rural piedmont and eastern sections, where literacy requirements are ignored for anyone, white or Negro, who wants to register. In others, only Negroes are required to do some reading. In some rural North Carolina counties, Negroes can register with a minimum of trouble only if sponsored by white persons.

Louisiana

Louisiana applicants for registration have been given a rather complicated form and the law has barred any help in filling it out. In most instances, completion is regarded as evidence of literacy although the registrar may, if he wishes, examine an applicant. There has been wide variation in the practice of helping applicants and in the strictness with which forms are scrutinized for mistakes. In some parishes, Negroes have found it almost impossible to satisfy the high standards demanded of them. In others, both Negroes and whites have been permitted to copy from previously completed forms and mistakes have been overlooked.

If a person is unable to complete the form satisfactorily, he still may qualify in some parts of Louisiana. In a number of parishes many white and Negro illiterates have registered under the physical disability provision of the State constitution. This makes it possible in some instances to control their ballot, because such registrants are entitled to ask for assistance in voting. Practice varies widely with respect to registration of illiterates but, as a rule, where literate Negroes have found it easy to qualify, illiterate Negroes also have met few obstacles.

Under one Louisiana statute which adds to the difficulties of Negro voting, two bona fide registered voters can challenge by affidavit the right of a person to be registered. The person challenged has to respond within 10 days by appearing before the registrar to prove his right to remain on the voting list. If a person fails to appear, his name is removed automatically. Citizens council groups have purged several hundred Negroes from voting lists through this device in more than a dozen parishes, including Natchitoches, Webster, and La Salle. They are able to learn which Negroes have registered under another Louisiana law which permits any 25 registered voters, by application, to copy or photostat registration records.

The Colfax Chronicle, county weekly of Grant Parish, reported (October 12, 1956) that members of the citizens council worked in the registrar's office that week in a frank effort to disfranchise the county's 864 Negro voters. The Chronicle also reported:

Their action followed a White Citizens Council meeting in Dry Prong attended by State Senator William Rainach and other Louisiana segregation advocates. W. J. B. Jones of Colfax County, WCC president, said the group voted unanimously to try to purge Negro voters. Louis Earl Stevens, council secretary, subsequently estimated that at least 90 percent of the Negro registrants were challenged in Grant Parish.

Where, instead of writing out colored on registration blanks the applicant simply put "C," the applications were challenged as being incorrect. Each Negro's age in years, days, and months was refigured and often found off by a day or so. The Chronicle checked the first 100 white registrations in one ward and found only one card which would meet the standards set by the WCC for Negroes. Four, including the superintendent of schools, figured their ages incorrectly. In a further check, the Chronicle discovered that not a single member of a citizens council committee had filled in correctly all the blanks. Needless to say, only the Negroes were challenged. Of the more than 700 Negroes purged 2 weeks before the November general election, 399 had cleared the challenges a week before the deadline.

The Chronicle commended Registrar Maxine Mosley for her fairness in dealing with the Negroes challenged.

Not all members of the white community supported the purge effort. District Attorney Sam L. Wells said he would be a witness and sign affidavits for those challenged registrants whose place of residence he knew of his own personal knowledge. J. M. Straughan of route 8, Colfax, wrote the Chronicle:

"I'm a southerner born and raised right here in central Louisiana and I am opposed to integration as strongly as any southerner could be. But what has integration got to do with the removal of Negroes from the registration rolls. I for one, will be glad to sign an affidavit for those colored voters I know to help keep them from being imposed on."

On February 25, 1957, the Justice Department made public some FBI findings on registration of Negroes in Louisiana. Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III, said the FBI material indicated that testimony by Louisiana Attorney General Jack P. Gremillion to a House Judiciary Subcommittee "might have left a misleading impression in a number of respects." Olney's statement was in a letter to Chairman EMANUEL CELLER, Democrat, of New York, who presided at hearings in which Gremillion testified against the Eisenhower administration's civil-rights proposals.[3]

Olney said that Gremillion had mentioned "some difficulty with respect to voting" in Ouachita Parish, but contended this was "more or less an exception."

In fact, Olney asserted, the FBI investigated the handling of registrations in 10 Louisiana parishes and found that 8,552 Negroes were challenged when they tried to register in 1956.

Olney said that in Ouachita Parish there were some 4,000 registered Negro voters in the early fall of 1956 but that after a purge in October "there were in excess of 3,000 Negro voters deprived of the right to vote in the general election of November 6."

The Justice Department official challenged a number of Gremillion's statements, including his claim that registrants had a free choice in selecting the section of the United States Constitution they wished to interpret as part of their test.

"In none of the 10 parishes is there any evidence that the registrar permitted the applicant to choose which clause of the Constitution he wished to interpret," Olney said.

"Specifically, in the case arising from Ouachita Parish, the investigation by the FBI disclosed that the registrar of voters in examining applicants used a card on which was written an excerpt from the Constitution, which card was given to the registrar by the Citizens Council of Ouachita Parish."

Gremillion had told the committee that when a registered voter was challenged, the registrar sent a record of the challenge to the registrant, including a reply form, giving him 10 days to appear and establish his right to remain on the rolls by presenting statements from three voters registered in the same parish.

Olney said this did not appear to be the general practice in the parishes investigated. In six, he added, registrars "did everything to discourage the filing of reply affidavits

[3] Associated Press, Washington, D. C., February 27, 1957.

in the statutory form and generally refused them when offered." He told Chairman CELLER that the FBI found instances of registrars refusing to accept white persons as supporting witnesses for Negroes on grounds they were of a different race.

There appeared to be a concerted effort in October 1956 by white citizens councils in Louisiana and other Southern States to get Negro registrants off the rolls or to prevent their registration, Olney added.

"With respect only to cases which have been investigated by the FBI," he continued, "the following numbers of Negro voters were challenged in each of the following parishes:

"Bienville, 560; Caldwell, 330; De Soto, 383; Grant, 758; Jackson, 953; La Salle, 345; Lincoln, 326; Ouachita, 3,240; Rapides, 1,058; and Union, 600."

However, there still are areas in Louisiana where there are no Negro registrants to challenge. For example, in one parish, which is over 50 percent Negro, none of the 4,500 Negroes of voting age had registered at the time of the 1956 general election. Only one had tried in recent years. A local priest recounted the Negro's experience: when he appeared, the registrar immediately took him to the sheriff, who asked, "Aren't you happy here? Is something wrong with the way things operate around here? If you aren't happy perhaps we could arrange for you to leave." The hapless Negro promptly assured the sheriff of his happiness and allowed that his attempt to register had been a tragic mistake. He remained in the community but his wife lost her job.

There are no Negroes registered in Tensas, East Carroll, Madison, and West Feliciana Parishes, all counties with populations over 50 percent Negro. "In these parishes," the Louisiana consultant said, "subterfuge is unnecessary to discourage Negro registration. Negroes know they should not and cannot register and therefore rarely attempt to do so."

In the general election in November 1956 Louisiana voters defeated a proposed constitutional amendment designed to help the Citizens Council cut Negro voting even more. The measure was drafted by the legislative watchdog committee on segregation which previously had won approval easily for its proposals. The amendment, which was turned down by an unofficial total of 190,410 to 178,833, required certain administrative steps before a voter losing his registration could take the matter into court. Thus, said the Associated Press in a dispatch from Baton Rouge, it would have set up "administrative barriers to a Federal court action."

South Carolina

In South Carolina the prevalence of discriminatory tactics in some counties where Negroes are in the majority is quite evident. Registration books are moved from place to place to keep Negroes from getting a certificate; they are given literacy tests that have little to do with reading and writing the State constitution, as required by South Carolina law; Negroes complain that if a number go together to register in some counties, clerks will pass only one or two and tell the rest the books are closed for the day. In a few counties, Negroes who had been certified have complied with demands of employers and other white persons that they remove their names from registration books. Some have said they were threatened with harm for attempting to vote, and many landlords reportedly have warned their Negro tenants that if they registered they would be fired.

Calhoun County, S. C., with more than twice as many Negroes as whites—10,449 to 4,304—has no Negroes registered, although 4,437 of them are of voting age. "Any Negro who tries to get a registration certificate is called a smart Negro and sooner or later leaves the community," a field consultant said.

McCormick County, S. C., where the population split is 5,998 Negroes, 3,589 whites, also has no Negroes registered out of the 2,625 over 21. All Negroes who had registration certificates in 1948 had their names purged from the voting list. The majority of Negroes in the county are sharecroppers; reportedly, they could not sell their produce until their names were removed.

In another South Carolina county, Abbeville, where only 15 of the 3,687 Negroes of voting age are registered (as compared to 6,000 of the 8,951 whites), an atmosphere of fear was found. Three years ago a Negro cottonwood worker was said to have been beaten at night for voting. Since then, Negroes have not taken part in elections and almost all of those who had registration certificates have lost them.

Texas

Intimidation as a means of limiting Negro voting in Texas was found to be relatively rare. Recent violence in the State usually has been aimed at school integration, notably in Mansfield. There have been occasional reports of local discrimination against potential Negro voters, generally in the form of a segment of the white population playing on the ignorance of the poorly educated among the Negroes—to imply, for example, that property taxes must have been paid to vote. But, by and large, the poll tax remains the only obvious deterrent.

Virginia

While discrimination in applying provisions of the Virginia poll tax and registration law is not found generally in that State, nevertheless it has been reported in certain counties and a few cities. Some Negro leaders feel that poorer white citizens often experience the same difficulties as do Negroes.

The poll tax can be an effective barrier for the politically uninformed, the educationally handicapped, and the socially disadvantaged. Just the use of words confuses many of the poorly educated who often do not know that in paying their Virginia capitation tax they have paid their poll taxes. Some tax collectors reportedly have discouraged voting by telling Negroes they do not have to pay poll taxes. Many Negroes have reported they did not receive poll-tax bills along with their property-tax notices, as did their fellow white citizens. These and similar methods have been employed to discourage Negroes from paying their poll taxes in some counties and it often seems that only those who know the legal requirements and insist on paying can win their right to register.

As for registration itself, Negroes sometimes encounter further barriers in Virginia. The same discriminatory methods of administering literacy tests found in other States turn up here and there in the State, where in some counties Negroes have to meet all the technical requirements of grammar, punctuation, and handwriting in filling out their application forms; they alone are given reading or education tests, or have to complete printed forms containing legal phraseology. Some white registrars will see white applicants at any time but are busy or ill or do not have their books when Negroes appear. When registrars operate in their homes, this presents a particular problem because of the long-standing southern custom of Negroes appearing in white homes only in a servant capacity.

Florida

In 1940, Florida had 51 counties with no Negroes registered, by 1946, only 4, and 10 years later only 2. However, the number of counties in which Negroes are registered gives an exaggerated picture of the extent of Negro registration. In some counties Negro electors constitute a small proportion of those on the voting lists. This is seen, for example, in the following counties:

County	Negro population over 21	Negro percentage of total population	Number of Negroes registered, 1956
Flagler	872	45.6	13
Gadsden	10,930	56.1	3
Liberty	333	18.1	1
Taylor	1,945	30.5	77

In the counties where Negro suffrage is limited most sharply, fear is a major deterring factor. In parts of the State, indirect methods are used to discourage Negro voters and the open threat has been reported, too. In one county, the first Negro registrants in history were subjected to several forms of intimidation—cross burnings, bomb-throwings and shots fired into their homes. All but one of the registrants in this county withdrew their names from the rolls.

In another Florida county, in the plantation section, it was reported that Negroes, most of whom live in rural areas, are not permitted in the business district on election day. In still another county one supervisor of registration has told Negro applicants, "Come on in and register," while sitting with his legs stretched across the door. Other Negroes complained that loungers around a courthouse told them, "Go ahead and register if you can take what comes afterward."

Georgia

Field studies were made in a number of Georgia counties representative of the various subregional areas of the State. One of these is Early, located in the extreme southwest portion of Georgia on the Alabama line. It is in a cluster of counties considered the hard core of the State in terms of resistance to integration. In such counties as Early, Miller, Seminole, and Decatur, the Negro population is from 30 to 50 percent of the total. In other southwest counties such as Clay, Calhoun, Baker, Dougherty, Quitman, Randolph, Terrell, Lee, Sumter, Webster, and Stewart, the Negro percentage of the total population is over 50 percent. The means of excluding Negroes as registrants in these counties is similar to that reported in other areas of the South. In some, there is the ever present threat of racial violence, which erupts on occasions. Often, police brutality against Negroes indicates to them they cannot depend upon law enforcement authorities to offer them protection if they try to vote. In recent years, economic pressures have been directed against Negroes militant enough to demand educational and political equality.

In some instances, Georgia sheriffs, instead of the boards of registrars, question prospective Negro registrants about the Constitution. Sheriffs, being white and also the "law," Negro applicants thus receive two warnings at one time.

In Early County, only 226 Negroes of the 4,790 over 18 (the legal voting age in Georgia) are registered. Many others who went to the courthouse to register said they later were summoned to appear there before the board of registrars to answer questions. The majority of those who showed up were disqualified and those who did not were removed from the list automatically. This is an effective method of disqualifying Negroes there who often think of going to the courthouse for any reason with misgiving. They know they are not expected to drive their cars up to the courthouse square to park.

Separate ballot boxes for white and Negro votes continue in use in many Georgia counties. This practice of separating ballots on a racial basis is an indirect technique of disfranchising some of the Negro voters who are unwilling to take a chance on having white persons discover how they voted.

Often, racial incidents have an effect both in the community involved and in adjacent counties. There is disagreement on the extent to which they deter registration, but fear of violence is bound to condition the thoughts and actions of some. In Walton County, Ga., many Negroes interviewed said there is more fear of lynching outside the county than inside. This county was the scene of an unsolved daylight lynching in 1946 of 4 Negroes—2 men and 2 women, 1 of whom was pregnant. One Negro in Walton said he did not think that Negroes generally are afraid to register there. He added that the so-called leading Negroes are afraid but the Negro working by the day isn't. Negro teachers and ministers seem to be afraid because of what they may lose; but what it is, I don't know."

Arkansas

In Arkansas, on rare occasions, clerks in the sheriff's office may tend to discourage poll-tax payments through various means of discourtesy. For the most part, however, the poll tax is more important in Arkansas as a source of revenue than as a device for the disfranchisement of the Negro. In 1956, voters rejected an amendment to repeal it. Some important Negro leaders opposed its abolition. They believed that if the State dropped the poll tax it might adopt registration procedures requiring the filling out of forms or answering of questions and that Negroes then would experience far more difficulty than at present.

Mississippi

Finally, Mississippi. All forms of violence, intimidation and discrimination reported from other States were found here. Where other sections usually rely on 1 or 2 means of limiting Negro registration, Mississippi, home of the White Citizens Council, apparently uses them all. As a result, the State which has the highest percentage of Negroes in the country has the lowest percentage registered. Only 4 percent were on the list of qualified voters in 1955, although Negroes make up 41 percent of the total population of voting age.

In the 13 Mississippi counties listed as having a population of more than 50-percent Negro, a total of 14 votes was cast in the 3 elections on which information was available for 1954. Five of the counties had no Negroes qualified and 3 had 1 registered who never voted. In the 7 counties having more than 60-percent Negro population, 2 votes were cast by Negroes in 1954.

Violence, threats, and economic reprisals discouraged Negroes interested in voting in Mississippi. Some instances were publicized but it may reasonably be supposed that others went unreported. In 1955 alone, a string of reports of brutality and illegal tactics came out of the State.

In the early spring of that year, Gus Courts, a Negro grocer at Belzoni, Miss., was told to move from his home and withdraw his name as president of the local NAACP chapter. He was forced to move his grocery store and advised to remove his name from the voting rolls. He refused; and, in November 1955, he was shot and seriously wounded by a group of men in a car who fired into his store.

Recovering from his wounds, Courts told a reporter: "I've known for a long time it was coming, and I'd tried to get prepared in my mind for it. But that's a hard thing to do when you know they're going to try to slip up and steal your life in the night and not in the bright. It's bad when you know you might get shot just walking around in your store. That's a hard kind of life to lead."

Courts was puzzled as to why anyone would want to shoot him for, "I've never been a troublemaker and I've never had on handcuffs. I'm 65 years old and I've never had the vote. That's all I wanted."

Courts' predecessor as NAACP president in Belzoni, the Rev. George Washington Lee, was killed May 7, 1954. The United Press, in a story from Belzoni on the Courts shooting, gave this background on the Lee death:

"The Reverend Lee was shot, allegedly on the day he refused a request from a white citizen that he remove his name from the voters' registration list. In that death, first of three race killings in Mississippi this year, Lee reportedly was driving down a Belzoni street when a car in which two white men and a Negro were riding suddenly came from behind and a shotgun blast shattered the Negro's car."

A coroner's inquest returned a verdict of accidental death and made no reference to the wounds in the dead man's face.

Other incidents in Mississippi in 1955, as reported by wire services and newspapers: T. V. Johnson, Belzoni Negro undertaker, was told to remove his name from the voting rolls if he desired continued credit; the Rev. James Hargroves fled the State after he was threatened with the fate of the Reverend Lee if he continued to work for the NAACP. In August, Lamar Smith, a Lincoln County Negro, was shot fatally; no indictment was returned, although reports indicated there were several witnesses to the shooting. Elsewhere, the home of a Negro leader was fired upon, and crosses were burned in front of the homes of two others. There were additional instances of violence against Negroes for activities other than voting.

If, despite the harassment and brutality, Negroes still try to vote in Mississippi, there is the State's registration law to act as a deterrent. The rigid education test, the essay on citizenship, all the requirements of the tighter registration law passed in 1954, present innumerable opportunities for the white registrar opposed to Negro registration.

LEGAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC FACTORS

The legal weapon most widely used in the South to discourage Negro registration is some form of literacy or constitutional interpretation test.

This weapon is the successor to the white primary—long the most effective method of restricting voting. Another weapon effective in the past, the poll tax, also has lost much of its sting with increased economic opportunity. Today only five States retain the poll tax—Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, Texas, and Virginia.

Some of the requirements in Southern States based on literacy or constitutional interpretation tests include:

Alabama

In addition to the usual basic qualification, the Voters Qualification Amendment of

1951 provides: "The following persons * * * shall be qualified to register * * * those who can read and write any article of the Constitution of the United States in the English language which may be submitted to them by the board of registrars, provided, however, that no person shall be entitled to register as electors except those who are of good character and who embrace the duties and obligations of citizenship under the Constitution of the United States and under the constitution of the State of Alabama, and provided, further that * * * each applicant shall be furnished * * * a written questionnaire * * *. Such questionnaire shall be answered in writing by the applicant, in the presence of the board without assistance."

Georgia

A registrant must be able to read correctly in English any paragraph of the State or United States Constitution and correctly write the same when read to him. Only those unable to read or write because of physical inability may qualify if they can understand and give a reasonable interpretation of constitutional sections read to them. There is a property alternative: 40 acres of land in the State on which an elector resides or property in the State assessed for taxation at $500 or more.

Mississippi

In 1954, Mississippi voters approved a constitutional amendment tightening the State's registration law. It makes ability to read and write a prerequisite; before that, an applicant could register if able to read or understand the Constitution when read to him. In addition to literacy, the amendment requires a new applicant to satisfy the county registrar as to his knowledge of citizenship under a constitutional form of government and to state why he feels he should be given the right to vote and what it means to him. Applicants are to write their own statements without aid.

Virginia

Unless physically unable, the prospective voter must apply to the registrar in his own handwriting, without aid, in the presence of the registrar, stating therein his name, age, date and place of birth, residence and occupation at the time and for the 1 year next preceding and whether he has voted previously and, if so, the State, county, and precinct in which he voted last. Also, he must answer on oath any questions affecting his qualifications as an elector, submitted to him by the registrar; questions and his answers must be reduced to writing, certified by the said officer and preserved as part of his official records.

South Carolina

A registrant must be able to "read and write" any section of the State constitution. An alternative is ownership and payment of taxes for the previous year on property in the State assessed at $300 or more.

Arkansas

Except for the usual requirements of age and residence, the one dollar, noncumulative poll tax is the only requirement for voting. Members of the Armed Forces are exempt. Certain adults are required by law to possess a poll tax receipt: those receiving wages, salaries, or other compensation paid from public funds (this includes white and Negro teachers) and those who apply for a license or permit from the State.

Louisiana

A prospective voter must be able to read and write and understand the duties and obligations of citizenship "under a republican form of government." Also, he must be able to read any clause in the State or United States Constitution and give interpretation satisfactory to the registrar. If he is unable to read or write, the applicant is entitled to register if he is a person of good character and reputation, attached to the principles of the Louisiana and United States Constitutions and if he is able to interpret any section of either. If an applicant is unable to read or write due to a physical disability, then the foregoing requirements may be waived. However, such an applicant must be accompanied by two witnesses who are registered voters from the applicant's precinct. No person may be a witness for more than two applicants.

North Carolina

Prospective voters must be able to read and write any section of the Constitution to the satisfaction of the registrar, who may have the applicant copy indicated sections of the State constitution or may dictate any section he chooses.

With such broad discretion left to registrars it is easy to see why Negroes may find it almost impossible to qualify in one county and comparatively easy in the next. In the last analysis, a Negro's ability to vote in a State with a literacy law still often depends on an individual registrar's sense of justice—or prejudice.

Socioeconomic factors also operate in determining the number of Negroes who vote. Racial, economic, and social patterns of any southern community exert a powerful influence on Negro registration.

Statistics on education, urbanization, farm tenancy, income, and racial composition help paint a fairly accurate picture of why Negro registration is above or below average.

Relatively few Negroes are likely to be registered in counties where they make up a large proportion of the population, in counties where education and income medians are low, and in counties that are predominantly agricultural and have a high rate of farm tenancy.

At the same time, in counties where Negroes comprise a large part of the population, white registration tends to be above normal.

Negroes are more likely to be registered in counties where they represent a small percentage of the total population, where they are better educated, are less dependent on the whims of white landlords and employers and are in a sounder economic position generally.

There are exceptions to these generalizations, of course; but Georgia presents a fairly typical picture.

In Georgia's 157 counties with Negro population of voting age, the median percentage of eligible Negroes registered is 25. However, the range of the registration figures is wide.

In only five Georgia counties does the number of Negro registrants exceed the number of white registrants, although there are more Negroes than whites of voting age in 27 counties.

The population ratio and its effect on voting is strikingly shown in Georgia figures. In counties where the percentage of Negroes in the population is below the State average, 69 percent show Negro registration above the State median; 68 percent of the counties above the State average in Negro population are below the median in Negro registration. The association is even more marked in counties with a population over half Negro—80 percent of these fall below the median in Negro registration.

The relationship between education and political participation also turned up in the Georgia survey. In counties where Negroes rank above the State median in the number of school years completed, 89 percent also are high in Negro registration. By contrast, only 37 percent of the counties below the median in Negro educational attainment have high registration figures.

As to the significance of economic factors, it is found that of the Georgia counties having median family income above the State figure of $1,130, 61 percent have high Negro registration. In counties below the median income level, only 35 percent are high in the number of Negroes qualified to vote. In short, Negro registration tends to increase along with overall income.

Also, there is a tendency in Georgia for predominantly industrial counties to rank higher in Negro registration than those primarily agricultural. Among counties in which farm income exceeds manufacturing income, 37 percent are high in Negro registration, as contrasted with 58 percent in counties where manufacturing exceeds agricultural income.

The agricultural counties in Georgia deriving more farm income from livestock, dairying, and poultry are somewhat higher in the percentage of Negroes registered than those in which the income stems largely from row crops. Also, there is a definite relationship between tenancy and registration. Among the Georgia agricultural counties which exceed the State average in the number of farms operated by tenants, only 34 percent have high registration figures, but among the counties below the State average in tenancy, 63 percent rank high in Negro registration.

Social and economic factors which influence Negro registration in Georgia apply in large measure over much of the South.

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U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1957

October 22, 1957

Circulation Department
Baton Rouge Morning Advocate
Baton Rouge
Louisiana

Dear Sirs:

Please send me one copy of the September 30th issue of the Baton Rouge Morning Advocate.

I am enclosing 20 cents in stamps to cover the cost of this service.

With thanks.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosure.

EFV:fcl

October 22, 1957

Dr. Philip Hauser
Department of Sociology
University of Chicago
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Phil Hauser:

I am seeking reliable predictions on the use of the labor force, according to race, over the next ten years. Specifically, I am interested in getting at when the utilization of the white manpower pool will be so complete that it will be a matter of economic necessity to hire Negroes in increasing numbers in skilled trades, production jobs, and on equal terms with whites. It has long been apparent to thoughtful Southerners that obtaining economic equality would play an important part in settling our human relations difficulties. It is, of course, helpful if you can show along with the moral and practical arguments for making certain advances that it will sonn be an economic necessity to make those advances.

It seems to me that you are one of the persons that could offer from the top of his head any of several kinds of assistance in this matter: what studies have been made, how better put the question, and what individuals or groups might both be competent and interested in pursuing the required research in case the information is not already available?

It was good to have had the weight of your information and your lively presentation at the Fisk Race Relations Institute. Many of the union representatives commented favorably on your portion of the program. I trust that you will find time in your busy schedule to give me some leads regarding the above information request.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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Encls: FFR Facts - #2, 3, & 4
FFR Bulletin - May, 1956
ARTICLE - Presby. Outlook - March 5, 1956
Booklet - FFR, May 31, 1955
Charleston News and Courier editorial
and HCF Reply

October 22, 1957

Dr. A. C. Miller
Executive Secretary
The Christian Life Commission of the
Southern Baptist Convention
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Miller:

It occurs to me that if the material we have on the Fund for the Republic is of any value, the sooner you have it the better. Therefore, enclosed you will find what we have been able to pull together. On a number of the pieces of information I have attached explanatory notes. If you need more explanation of any of the materials, let us know.

As a possible thought, Congressman Brooks Hayes was acting chairman of a Select Committee to Investigate Foundations of the 82nd Congress. This group issued a report on January 1, 1953. It has no particular significance here except that the president of the Southern Baptist Convention is in an excellent position to speak authoritatively as to foundations, use of funds, communism, etc.

It might also be of incidental value that two good Southern universities are recipients of Fund money; the Vanderbilt University Law School ($200,000), and the University of Virginia Law School ($3,500). Of course, practically every Baptist college and hospital in the South has received money from the Ford Foundation. While

the Ford Foundation and the Fund for the Republic have no further official connection, the money came from the same place.

Probably your greatest difficulty will arise from the Fund's treatment by the House Un-American Activities Committee. Please note the Fund is not listed by this Committee as being a subversive organization. The original committee investigation of the Fund was scheduled for June 27, 1956. On June 20, 1956 the hearing was postponed and has not been resumed. Some of the material enclosed will give you the more detailed story.

When I get your letter tomorrow it will be taken care of as best possible. I am sorry that the Christian Life Commission has to get caught up in this madness, though I suppose such was inevitable. At any rate, if there is the least possible help which we can offer, we will consider it a privilege to do so.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures

October 22, 1957

Mrs. J. F. Tillman
Palmetto Farm
Lewisburg, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Tillman:

We of the Council deeply regret that you will not be with us for the annual meeting.

The enclosed material is being sent to all Board Members. In the slight event that your plans have changed we will be happy to arrange accommodations for you.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures: 2

October 22, 1957

Mr. James T. McCain
Field Secretary
Congress of Racial Equality
38 Park Row, Rm. 720
New York 38, New York

Dear Jim:

In the absence of Harold we are sending you, under separate cover, three (3) copies of the voting survey.

All here are happy to know that you are settled - and north of the Mason-Dixon line. And, all send their best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

October 22, 1957

Mr. Claude H. Hall
787 Lincoln Place
Brooklyn 16, New York

Dear Mr. Hall:

In the absence of Mr. Fleming, we are responding to your letter of the 16th.

Thank you for calling to our attention the oversight in our New South mailing. Under separate cover, we are sending you the July/August, and September issues. In the future you should receive the publication on time.

We are grateful for your interest in the Council and will be happy to be of any possible service.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

October 22, 1957

Mr. M. A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

The enclosed material is being sent to all Board Members. Shortly, you will receive a proposed agenda for your approval and suggestions.

Unless we hear otherwise, we will reserve a room for you at Atlanta University.

Regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures: 2

October 22, 1957

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

The enclosed material is being sent to all Board Members. Shortly, you will receive a proposed agenda and a listing of the actions of the Executive Committee for your approval and suggestions.

Needless to say, we are most grateful for the use of the Atlanta University facilities for the annual meeting.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures: 2

October 22, 1957

Mr. Charles Shaw, President
Watchtower Life Insurance Company
2206 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

We are happy to know that you will be with us on the 12th and 13th. If you would like for us to arrange accommodations for you would you please return the enclosed form at your convenience.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures: 2

October 22, 1957

The Reverend William H. Balch
318 E. 7th Street
Cookeville, Tennessee

Dear Reverend Balch:

In answer to your request dated October 5th, we are enclosing herewith some material which you may find helpful. May I also suggest that you refer to the book Goodbye to Uncle Tom by J. C. Furnas (publisher: William Sloan, 1956). Although some of the conclusions Mr. Furnas reaches are subject to challenge, the book is highly readable and may be of value in your study of "The changing Negro." "The Negro in American Culture," by Margaret Just Butcher (Knopf, 1956), draws an excellent picture of the changing status of the Negro in America as reflected by his treatment in and contributions to various areas of our culture.

We hope this material will be of some help to you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bl

Enclosures,2
"America's Tenth Man"
"The New Negro" from THE NATION

October 22, 1957

Mrs. E. U. Robinson
P. O. Box 516
Gallatin, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

We of the Council deeply regret that you will not be with us for the annual meeting.

The enclosed material is being sent to all Board Members. In the slight event that your plans have changed we will be happy to arrange accommodations for you.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures: 2

October 22, 1957

The Most Reverend Joseph B. Brunini
123 North West Street
Jackson, Mississippi

My dear Bishop:

We of the Council deeply regret that you will not be with us for the annual meeting.

The enclosed material is being sent to all Board Members. In the slight event that your plans have changed we will be happy to arrange accommodations for you.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures: 2

October 23, 1957

Mr. Francis M. Wilhoit
Department of Government
University of Miami
Coral Gables 46, Florida

Dear Mr. Wilhoit:

In answer to your letter of October 16, addressed to Mr. Fleming, I hope the following information will be of use to you.

a. No Catholic parochial schools in Georgia have been integrated.
b. A few white students are attending Negro colleges in Georgia; however, the number is unknown and we do not have specific documentation to back this statement. In all instances, the colleges are private.
c. As far as can be determined, all white and Negro schools on Georgia Military bases are now merged.
d. Both Carmichael and Arnall have remained silent regarding the present controversy, insofar as publication of any statement.

Please do not hesitate to call on us if we may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bl

October 23, 1957

Miss Carole Curry
c/o Mr. R. Williams
Hialeah High School
48th Street
Hialeah, Florida

Dear Miss Curry:

Please forgive our delay in answering your letter of October 6. We are forwarding under separate cover a number of pamphlets which should aid your class in its study of desegregation in the South. There is no charge for this material; however, it will be necessary for us to charge for any additional copies you may need. Prices are indicated, and if you wish to order additional copies, please forward a check made payable to the Southern Regional Council with your order.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bl

October 23, 1957

Mr. Gerald Wallem
B 72 Embarcadero
Palo Alto, California

Dear Mr. Wallem:

Thank you for your letter of October 16. Since the enclosed publications list is not up to date, I am taking the liberty of forwarding under separate cover some materials which I believe will be of interest to you. Most of the material you may have without charge; however, if you wish to keep the books listed below, please remit $ .95 payable to the Southern Regional Council.

1) Next Steps in the South	$ .20
2) What's Happening in School Integration	.25
3) Changing Patterns in the New South	.50
Total	$ .95

Unfortunately, a book which will probably be useful to you, "Integration North and South," is out of print. I am forwarding a used copy, and although some pages are missing, the first section is intact. You may find it helpful in your consideration of the area of integration in the North.

Please let us know if we may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bl

Enclosure

October 23, 1957

Miss Marcia J. MacNaughton
Research Assistant
United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss MacNaughton:

In answer to your letter of October 21, addressed to Mrs. Margaret Price, we are forwarding under separate cover sixteen copies of "The Negro Voter in the South." We are directing the booklets to your office, for your distribution to the various members of the Subcommittee. The report is a compilation of all material on suffrage we have prepared for release at this time.

Please let us know if we may be of further assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bl

October 23, 1957

Miss Ann Needham
883 Shallowford Road
Lewisville, North Carolina

Dear Miss Needham:

In answer to your request of October 20th, you will find enclosed a reprint from the Scientific American, "Attitudes Toward Desegregation." If you wish further material, please write us, stating more specifically what type of "information on attitudes" is desired.

We hope the enclosed article will be of help to you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bl

Enclosure

October 23, 1957

Dr. A. C. Miller
Executive Secretary
The Christian Life Commission of the
Southern Baptist Convention
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Miller:

Your report on hate literature, I believe, was issued by the American Jewish Committee, 386 - 4th Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. Under any circumstances, the facts of the report are correct. I don't expect you would want to use some of the particular language of the report, but the facts themselves can be used without question.

Enclosed you will find other materials which may be of some value to you. Among them are several hate sheets, including the White Sentinel, which you may not have seen. They have no particular value, but I thought you might like to see some of the originals. Also enclosed is a GUIDE TO SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS prepared by the Committee on Un-American Activities. Some of the organizations which may give you the roughest time have been cited by the Un-American Activities Committee (see page 151). These at least can be taken care of very simply by citing that fact to anyone who makes use of the material. Notes are attached

to most of the other material. Unfortunately, we need this material for our files, so when you are through with it would you please return it to us.

We may well not be able to do so, but if a particular source of hate literature gives you a bad time, we will try to get as much background information as possible for you.

The November 5th meeting should be an important one and we certainly hope you will be able to make it. Again, if there are any specific jobs we can do, let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures. GUIDE TO SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS... Rev. ed. Jan. 2, 1957

"Origin of Hate-Literature..." Oct. 1, 1956
THE VOICE, Vol. 101, No. 1001
Propaganda Sheet from: Tenn. Society to Maintain Segregation
"Is Segregation Un-Christian?"
THE RELIGIOUS REVIEW, Sept. 1, 1957
Reprint from THE NATION'S SCHOOLS - "Crusaders for Segregation", by Glen Robinson
THE SOUTHERNER, Vol. 1, No. 2, March, 1956
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THE VIRGINIAN, Vol. II, No. 10, Oct., 1956
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Nov.-Dec., 1956, Vo. II, No. 6.
Oct.-Nov., 1955, Vol. 10, No. 6.
June, 1955, Vol. 10, No. 4.
January, 1956, Vol. II, No. 1.

October 23, 1957

Dr. A.C. Miller, President
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
416 Twenty-first Avenue South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear "A.C."

Thank you for your letter of October 19, and we are indeed thankful to see that the Tennessee Council is now firming-up into a stable organization. Pursuant to the conditions laid down in Harold Fleming's letter of July 22 and the proposed program of the Tennessee Council as modified in your letter of October 19 we are sending the first quarterly allotment of the $3,000 allocated to the Tennessee Council for the fiscal year 1957-58.

We are delighted with the possibilities of some sort of affiliation between the Nashville Conference and the Tennessee Council. We will extend from this office every cooperation possible in helping you realise your goals. Any time you want me to come up to confer with you please let me know. We would be glad, too, to provide a consultant team to lead the Board in a one or two day workshop on program development.

In looking over your proposed budget I note the salary for the Executive Secretary at $4,500. I would suggest, though it is not mandatory, that this be raised to $5,000. This is the minimum figure for any other state Council.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure: check for $750.00

FBR:fcl

October 23, 1957

Rev. Thomas R. Thrasher
Church of the Ascension
315 Clanton Avenue
Montgomery 6, Alabama

Dear Tom:

I have received your letter of October 19 and regret the delay in a reply, but I have been out of the office a considerable amount of time and tied up rather badly while here. I am sorry you did not get to spend some time with Dr. Hellman for you would have found her a delightful lady with a considerable amount of skill and knowledge, and she would have found you an invaluable source of information.

Certainly I am happy to answer your questions: 1) There is no connection, official or unofficial, between the Southern Regional Council and the Highlander Folk School. 2) There is no connection, official or unofficial, between any of the affiliated organizations of SRC and the Highlander Folk School.

From time to time various members of SRC staff or Board have participated in workshops at Highlander. They have always done so as individuals and never as representatives of the Council. I am enclosing for your information Myles Horton's answers to the charges made by the Georgia Commission on Education, which is probably the source of your concern. I would point out to you that Highlander has never been listed as a Communist or Communist-front organization by the Attorney General of the United States nor by the House Committee on un-American Activities.

One expects mud-slinging and name-calling from the vicious pro-segregationists in this time of transition. The old axiom from the field

Continued . . .

Rev. Thomas R. Thrasher. October 23, 1957

of inter-collegiate debate applies here: "If you have a good case attack the opponent's facts: if you have a poor case attack the opponent's logic: if you have no case attack the opponent personally." It would seem obvious that the Georgia Commission on Education has no case.

I am also enclosing for your information SRC's answer to the charges made in Firing Line. This fully explains the nature of the charges which have been levelled against SRC and admirably refutes them point by point.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosures.

FBR:fcl

October 23, 1957

Mr. Robert F. Collins
Attorney
1470 North Claiborne Avenue
New Orleans 16, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Collins:

It was a real pleasure to meet you and have a chance to discuss some of our mutual interests the other evening on the plane from Atlanta to New Orleans. I am enclosing a copy of our study "Prosegregation Groups in the South" in which you expressed interest.

Let us know if there is any further information or service which we can render to you.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant.

Enclosure.

EFV:fcl

October 23, 1957

Mr. Benjamin D. Segal, Director
Trade Union Program on Civil Liberties and Rights
Room 301, 1244 19th Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Ben and Manny:

We have a recent request from Riley H. Pittman, Executive Director of the Illinois Commission on Human Relations, for a copy of our study "made among labor groups in the Southeastern section of the United States." He refers specifically to Mort Elder's report. Of course Elder's informal report to SRC is not for release.

I suggest that we at least send copies of the survey instruments, of such JLC reports as have been made public, and that we consider sending the final tabulations of the survey. The reason for this last consideration is that an exchange of their own study might be of use to us.

I think that I have extra copies of the survey instruments here which I could send if you approve. Perhaps Manny could send the JLC report from New York. We could wait until later to decide about sending the tabulations. Enclosed is a copy of the Illinois Commission's letter to us and of my reply.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosures.

EFV:fcl

October 23, 1957

Mr. Riley H. Pittman
Executive Director
Illinois Commission on Human Relations
160 North La Salle Street
Chicago 1, Illinois

Dear Mr. Pittman:

In the absense of Mr. Fleming from the office I am answering your letter of October 15. A survey was made of Southern unions relative to racial relations. It was not a survey of individual union member attitudes. The survey involved the collaboration of several agencies and our commitments to each other and to those interviewed require some clearance before any information can be released. There is no full formal report, but it is possible that we will be able to supply you with a summary report and the survey instruments used and some indication of the kind of sampling that was involved. I have already taken steps to see if this much information can be released to you immediately.

We are sorry for this cumbersome procedure, but it was necessary to the kind of study we conducted and each of the agencies involved has wisely adhered to the letter and spirit of our agreement. We do wish to cooperate with you in every way possible and will do so. Certainly we are interested in your own survey and its results.

Sincerely yours,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

October 23, 1957

Mr. Lewis H. Deer
The United Christian Missionary Society
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Lew:

I have received your letter of October 21 and feel as discouraged as your letter would indicate you were when you wrote it. I know the bureaucratic red-tape of any large organization makes it difficult to act with "all deliberate speed", but one expects more than that of the Disciples somehow or other.

Timidity is not a becoming attribute and in situations such as Mississippi it invites further pressure and the threat of violence. There is no way to appease these rabid segregationists, and the moment they believe they have you on the defensive they go all out to get rid of you. The national administration learnt the hard way that to delay indefinitely a decision leads inevitably to crisis situations which demand drastic action.

I am sorry indeed for the people in the Edwards area and at Mt. Beulah who believed they had steadfast friends and then found them wanting when the going got rough. And I am sorry for you, knowing the frustration you feel at this time.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

October 23, 1957

Miss Marie E. Algor
Program Associate
American Labor Education Service, Inc.
1776 Broadway
New York 19, N.Y.

Dear Marie Algor:

You are right on two counts: my interest in the ALES School on the U.N. and that my schedule is a busy one. The names supplied to you by Haigler and Christopher are excellent ones to which I am able to add a few. I could make use of about 25 copies of such promotional material as you have.

The leadership of the state labor bodies in Virginia, Alabama, Louisiana, and Texas might also be responsive to such a call. The key persons in each of these places is:

Harold Boyd, President, Virginia State AFL-CIO, 102 North Belvidere Street, Richmond 20, Virginia.
E. C. Pippin (a Ruskin Scholar), First Vice-President, Alabama Labor Council, AFL-CIO, 604 Lyric Building, Birmingham 3, Alabama.
Victor Bussie, President, Louisiana State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, 427 Ricou Brewster Building, Shreveport, Louisiana.
Jerry Holleman, who holds a top office in the new Texas merged body.

An invitation and information to Wilbur Hobby, editor of the Durham Labor Journal, might get at least a news article and some other support. Perhaps I could later send you further suggestions.

Margaret and David have just joined me in our newly rented house in Decatur. This means greatly increased happiness but an extremely busy personal schedule as well. Our best regards to those of you at ALES.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

October 23, 1957

Mr. Keith Kyle
The Economist
Washington Office
National Press Building
Washington 4, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kyle:

Enclosed you will find a copy of our recent survey on Negro voting in the South. This we are sending at the request of Miss Francoise A. Costa.

If you find that you will have need for additional copies, we will be happy to supply you with them.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure: 1 "The Negro Voter..."

October 23, 1957

Miss Peggy Hammock
Corresponding Secretary
Southeast Convention
Pilgrim Fellowship
Langdale, Alabama

Dear Miss Hammock:

The change of dates does not effect my ability to be with you in March. As a matter of fact, it will be easier to be in Columbus on Saturday, the 15th rather than a week day.

I would still appreciate a reminder from you several weeks before the convention.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

October 23, 1957

Mr. Paul Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

Happy to know that you can be with us on the 12th. Accordingly, as you requested, reservations have been made at the Cox-Carlton Hotel for the night of November 12th.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

October 23, 1957

Dr. A. Dudley Ward
Executive Secretary
Board of Social and Economic Relations
of the Methodist Church
740 Rush Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Ward:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a pseudo-religious hate sheet which has been called to our attention today. We know very little about it and doubt that it has any particular importance. However, since you are prominently mentioned in it and it seems to be aimed particularly at the Methodists, we thought it should be called to your attention in case you have not seen it.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure: Dixie Religious Review - September 1, 1957
(a newsletter, Merritt Newby, Editor)

October 23, 1957

Miss Francoise A. Costa
The Economist
Washington Office
National Press Building
Washington 4, D. C.

Dear Miss Costa:

In the absence of Mr. Fleming we are responding to your letter of the 21st.

Enclosed you will find a copy of our survey on Negro voting in the South. We will see that Mr. Kyle receives a copy of this report.

If you need additional copies of this report, we will be happy to supply you with them.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure: 1 "The Negro Voter..."

Encl. "The Negro Voter..."

October 23, 1957

Dr. George Gallup
Director
American Institute of Public Opinion
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Gallup:

In the absence of Mr. Fleming we are responding to your letter of the 21st.

Enclosed you will find two (2) copies of our recent survey of Negro voting in the South. We are also placing your name on our mailing list so that you will receive similar materials in the future.

If you need additional copies of the voting survey or any other materials which we have, we will be happy to supply you with them.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures: 2

October 23, 1957

Mr. Henry Greser
59 Cloverdale Avenue
Great Kills S. I. 8, New York

Dear Mr. Greser:

In answer to your letter of October 12th, we are enclosing herewith some material which may be of use to you in the writing of your thesis, "The Decision of the Supreme Court in School Cases of 1954 Constitutes an Invasion of State Rights." However, this title indicates that you might be more interested in the publications of segregationist organizations. We feel certain that the Georgia States Rights Council (William-Oliver Building, Atlanta 3, Georgia) will be happy to send you such material. You may wish particularly to request their pamphlet, "The Supreme Court, The Broken Constitution, and the Shattered Bill of Rights."

You may keep the enclosed material; there is no charge.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bl

Enclosures, 6

"What the Supreme Court Said"
"State's Rights-How Far Do They Go?"
"Toward the South of the Future"
3 Newspaper clippings

October 24, 1957

Miss Lucille Thornburgh
311 Morgan Street
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Miss Thornburgh:

We are very grateful that you will attend our workshop on October 29 and 30. Your reservation is at the Piedmont Hotel.

The meeting will begin at 10:30 on Tuesday morning at Sale Hall Chapel, Morehouse College.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 24, 1957

Mr. Benjamin D. Segal, Director
Trade Union Program on Civil Liberties and Rights
1244 Nineteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Ben:

I feel sure that you are getting all of our releases and publications. The New York Times story was not a release from us but a speciality bit done by John Popham; fortunately it received front page play.

Actually our last SRC release to the press was probably the story on bus desegregation; the other items which we have sent to news men were special reports and the like which you have received.

I think it quite possible to supply you with 500 copies of the voting study, but it will take a few days for us to clear the demands on the existing supply. I plan to mail out a smaller number myself; it would seem wise to check my list against yours and this might be the occasion for me to make additions to your list if you are interested.

I would be happy to spend the night of the 30th with you and family if that really suits.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

October 24, 1957

Rev. Murdock Calhoun
First Presbyterian Church of Marietta
Marietta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Calhoun:

At the request of Dr. Malcolm Calhoun we are sending you, separately, some materials on the NAACP.

We have entered a gift subscription in your name to our magazine New South. You will find in it an objective and analytical approach to the problems which concern our region.

I am enclosing a little discussion guide put out by the Atlanta affiliate of the Georgia Council on Human Relations. The Georgia Council is the former affiliate of the Southern Regional Council and we still work closely together on a cooperative basis. They would welcome your membership and moral support in these difficult times. As it has been wisely said: "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men should do nothing." Malcolm tells me that you are a good man and that you are doing good things. And for this, those of us who work for a democratic South in which all people will be respected on the basis of their individual merit are thankful.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosures.

FBR:fcl

bc: Mrs. Knox, Georgia Council

October 24, 1957

Mr. William G. Shannon, Executive Director
Encampment for Citizenship
2 West 64th Street
New York 23, N.Y.

Dear Bill:

On October 8 you wrote to Miss Carolyn Wheeler, 549 B. Street, Spartanburg, South Carolina, that she owed the Encampment thirty dollars for her "application and registration". Mrs. Spearman our Director in South Carolina has written me about this matter. It was her understanding and ours that the scholarships offered by the Encampment through SRC were all-inclusive as to fees and living expenses while at the conference; and that recipients of scholarships were responsible only for their travelling.

When Miss Wheeler accepted the scholarship through the South Carolina Council on Human Relations (our state affiliate) she understood that her travel was to be her only cost. If this is not the case please advise me immediately and we will see what can be done to straighten the matter out.

Had a nice note from Alex Brooks and he seems to be happy in his new work.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

cc: Mrs. Alice Spearman

FBR:fcl

October 24, 1957

Mr. Will Maslow
Director
American Jewish Congress
Stephen Wise Congress House
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Mr. Maslow:

In the absence of Mr. Fleming we are responding to your letter of the 22nd.

Enclosed you will find three (3) copies of our recent report on the Negro Voter in the South. This study does represent a portion of a fact-finding program which was financed by the Fund for the Republic.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures: 3

October 24, 1957

Mr. Edward C. Solomon
Director of Field Work
Sarah Lawrence College
Bronxville, New York

Dear Mr. Solomon:

In the absence of Mr. Fleming we are responding to your letter of the 21st. Enclosed you will find two (2) copies of our report, The Negro Voter in the South as per your request.

If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures: 2

October 24, 1957

Mr. John R. Owens
University of Michigan
Department of Political Science
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Owens:

We are in receipt of your letter dated October 22nd requesting a copy of our report, The Negro Voter in the South. Herewith is enclosed the same.

If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure: 1

October 24, 1957

Professor Milton R. Konvitz
New York State School of Industrial
and Labor Relations
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York

Dear Mr. Konvitz:

In the absence of Mr. Fleming we are responding to your letter of the 22nd. Enclosed you will find a copy of our report, The Negro Voter in the South as per your request.

If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure: 1

October 24, 1957

Mr. Joseph F. Lockard
Administrative Assistant
Democratic County Executive Committee
801 Bellevue Court Building
1418 Walnut Street
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Lockard:

In the absence of Mr. Fleming we are responding to your letter of the 21st. Enclosed you will find a copy of our report, The Negro Voter in the South as per your request.

If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure: 1

October 24, 1957

Professor S. P. Olivier
c/o Dr. J. B. White
College of Education
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mr. Olivier:

In the absence of Mr. Fleming we are responding to your letter of the 20th.

Mr. Fleming will probably be in his office during the period November 21-23. If so, I am sure he will be happy to discuss the program of the Council with you. If not, other members of the professional staff will be available.

Prior to your visit we can contact persons at Morehouse College, Atlanta University, and Emory University, who work with the Teacher Training courses of these institutions. However, I believe it would be best if you contacted the State Department of Public Instruction.

If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

M E M O R A N D U M October 24, 1957

TO: H. C. F.

FROM: Paul Anthony

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Today, the office of Congressman Charles Diggs called and requested that two (2) copies of the voting survey be sent to his office as soon as possible. This was done AIR MAIL SPECIAL without a covering letter.

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VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

October 24, 1957

Mr. H. B. Sissel
Associate Secretary
The Board of Christian Education of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
830 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Ben:

Your wire received. I am sorry we've run up against election day. No doubt a more advance warning on the inter-agency meeting would have allowed us to take such unforeseen facts into consideration. At this point, however, I am afraid the wrath of all the agencies would really let loose if we tried to alter things.

Several of the agency people are finding it necessary to arrive during the afternoon or evening of the 5th. Perhaps you could do the same. We do hope you can arrange to be with us certainly.

Again, my sincere regrets that nothing can be done about this.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

October 25, 1957

Mr. Morton Grodzins
Department of Political Science
University of Chicago
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Morton Grodzins:

You have received hesitant favourable mention in the Augusta Courier for your article in the Scientific American. Most good eggs in Georgia do not feel as if they have been doing much until they have received unfavourable mention in the Courier. This is not a call for immediate remedy, but I did think you might wish to see mention of your article by such a sheet.

The Courier is the weekly publication of Roy Harris, who has been a potent influence in Georgia politics. A red headline streamer under the article mentioning you declares: "Supreme Court ought to be impeached - See your Congressman." Harris was recently elected President of the Georgia States Rights Council, our home-grown version of the White Citizens Council. His own rabidness helps belie the States Righters attempts at respectability.

I am very sorry to have missed you in Chicago during my hasty trip there in August.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosure.

EFV:fcl

English

October 25, 1957

Mr. Robert Pickus
4522 South Greenwood Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Bob:

Thanks ever so much for getting the household stuff to us. Margaret gave forth with appropriate squeals of joy on encountering such items as the pepper mill and all of the glass Co-op mustard jars. As you can recall her squeals are a great delight. I pass them on for your second-hand enjoyment.

The enclosed clip makes reference to Grodzin's recent article in the Scientific American. The clip is from one of our Georgia hate-sheets published by Roy Harris, newly elected Georgia States Rights Council President.

I will soon get off to you a copy of a recent attack on SRC and others. I wish that I could have an opportunity to talk with you regarding some further keeping of your ear to the ground for us. But more on that later.

Another two weeks should find the Vias settled in their new abode. David is lively, Mommy beautiful, and Daddy tired. Our love to you both.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

MEMORANDUM

October 25, 1957

TO: Paul Anthony

FROM: Fred B. Routh

SUBJECT: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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(1) In regards to the Birmingham situation. No lawyer in Alabama contacted by the ACLU has been willing to represent the Birmingham Council on Human Relations if it should decide to test in court the anti-integrated meeting ordinance of Birmingham. Bob has been advised by one of the prominent attorneys that it would probably be unwise to test the law. He felt that though they might win the case after a two or three year legal battle, the police would harrass them from then on and probably arrest them on charges of disorderly conduct or disturbing the peace. He felt that the Klan would be glad to cooperate in disturbing the peace if such meetings were held. Bob is to be in contact with the national office of the ACLU and also with Mike Yarrow of AFSC.

Unfortunately, Bob's ulcer is acting up in a dangerous way and he is going into the hospital tomorrow morning (Saturday, October 26th). He is to be in St. Vincent Hospital, Birmingham. I suggest that flowers, in the name of SRC staff, be sent.

He has been in contact with the chairman of the Birmingham Council, Reverend Alfred Hobart of the Unitarian Church, whose telephone number is: TRemont 1-4502.

Bob has a secretary in the office. She is brand new but could take care of routine things or get messages to Bob or to Hobart.

(2) Please take care of my mail as it comes in and answer all routine things. Leave copies of all that you answer with Faith. Anything that needs further decisioning, discuss with Harold. Please hold all my personal mail.

(3) Marion Wright has an appointment with Dr. Davidson on Saturday the 26th. He will call the office Monday and let us know whether Dr. Davidson will accept the presidency.

(4) Dr. Parrish's wife, Frances, has been in the hospital with an emergency operation. We have sent flowers in the name of the staff.

(5) A Mr. Willard Baldwin just called. He is with a public relations firm which handles the Hampton Institute account. Al Moron has been under fire in Hampton for his participation in the Highlander Labor Day weekend. We are sending material to Mr. Baldwin this afternoon and a copy to Mr. Joseph Brady a local representative at Hampton.

(6) Faith has my itinerary. I will see you Thursday afternoon.

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October 25, 1957

Miss Patricia E. Eames
517 Congress Avenue
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Miss Eames:

Thank you for your letter of October 22, addressed to Miss Florence Irving. We are forwarding under separate cover two copies of "The Negro Voter in the South." As you have gathered, some of the material included in this publication has already been made available in preliminary reports. The current report, however, is more comprehensive and represents all of the information in the field of suffrage we have available for release at this time.

We hope the report will be of value to you in your work with Professor Emerson.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bl

ARTICLE - Taken From:

The Atlanta Journal
October 25, 1957

BELL PRAISES PLAN TO SPIKE NEGRO VOTES

By Charles Pou

State Democratic Chairman John Sammons Bell Friday called a proposal designed to keep Negroes from voting something "certainly worthy of the most careful consideration."

But he said he has no plans for calling a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee right now to consider it. He said the committee would not be called in session "to promulgate rules and regulations governing the 1958 primary" until after the first of the year.

AND HE SAID he didn't know whether the committee would take up the new proposal, suggested by Macon Atty. Charles J. Bloch, then.

Mr. Bloch is proposing certain requirements for membership in the Democratic Party. Requirements, calculated to be repugnant to Negro voters, would have the Democratic Party of Georgia aver that:

1. States powers guaranteed by the 10th Amendment which "have been deprived by unwarranted decisions" of the Supreme Court should be restored.

2. Congress should enact legislation limiting the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court.

3. Members of the Georgia Democratic Party "abhor and denounce" recent court decisions giving to the federal government powers not delegated to it by the Constitution.

4. The Constitution should be amended to declare that the 14th Amendment was never legally adopted and is null and void. The school segregation decision largely was based on the 14th amendment.

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VOTERS WHO would participate in Democratic primaries would have to swear allegiance to the tenets cited above under Mr. Bloch's plan.

"The members of the State Democratic Executive Committee of Georgia have it in their power to circumvent legally and constitutionally some of the outrages which have been perpetrated on our people," said Mr. Bloch.

ARTICLE - Taken from:

The Atlanta Constitution
October 25, 1957

Political Notebook

OATH PLAN TO LIMIT NEGRO VOTE IS URGED

By William M. Bates
Constitution Political Editor

A plan for curbing Negro voting in Democratic primaries in Georgia by legal means has been proposed to the State Democratic Executive Committee.

The plan was drafted by Macon attorney Charles J. Bloch, a highly respected constitutional authority and one of the South's most articulate champions of states' rights. The proposal has been circulated widely, but with little fanfare, among state political leaders.

In essence, Bloch proposes that the Democratic Committee adopt a "Declaration of Principles" of the party in Georgia and require every prospective voter in a primary to subscribe to the declaration in writing and under oath.

Under Bloch's plan, requirements for membership in the Democratic party and participation in its primaries would have nothing to do with race. This possibility, as Bloch points out, has long been foreclosed by the federal courts.

But few Negroes would be likely to swear allegiance to the tenets that Bloch suggests.

Bloch would have the Democratic Party of Georgia declare:

1. That it favors federal legislation limiting the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court.

2. That Congress should enact legislation to restore to the states powers that are guaranteed by the 10th Amendment and which "they have been deprived by unwarranted decisions" of the Supreme Court.

3. That its members "abhor and denounce" recent court decisions giving to the federal government powers not delegated to it by the Constitution.

4. That the Constitution should be amended to declare that the 14th Amendment was never legally adopted and is null and void.

(The 14th Amendment is the constitutional basis for the court's anti-segregation holdings.)

5. That it denounces federal interference with the rights of the state and local governments to manage their own internal affairs including the right to regulate by legislation their schools, intra-state transportation and places of amusement and recreation supported by public funds.

Under Bloch's plan, any qualified voter willing to subscribe under oath to these tenets would be permitted to vote in Democratic primaries. Those who did not so subscribe would be barred from participation in them.

COMMITTEE'S POWER

"The members of the state Democratic Executive Committee of Georgia have it in their power to circumvent legally and constitutionally some of the outrages which have been perpetrated on our people," Bloch says with candor.

The Macon attorney drew up his voter plan as one "legal means" the state has to reestablish states' rights. To support the legality of his proposal, Bloch recalls that the Supreme Court in 1944 had ruled that a political party could not make race a condition for membership. This decision knocked out the so-called "white" primary.

"Under this decision, there is no reason why the Democratic Party of Georgia may not provide qualifications for membership in it so long as those qualifications do not include a racial or religious qualification and comply with the 19th Amendment" Bloch declares.

FORBID MEMBERSHIP

"The Democratic Party of Georgia may through its executive committee adopt principles to which it subscribes, and forbid membership in the party to anyone who does not subscribe to those principles."

Whether the Democratic Committee will buy Bloch's plan remains to be seen. But thought is being given to revision of voting procedures aimed at limiting the power of the growing number of registered Negro voters in Georgia.

This may also tie in, eventually, with talk of independent action by the Deep South in future presidential politics.

Same letter sent to Mrs. Flora Supworth

October 25, 1957

Mrs. Earl Andrews
3125 Audubon Road
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Andrews:

We are delighted you are coming, and I am asking you to be a reporter at one of the four workshops.

Your reservation is at the Piedmont Hotel.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 25, 1957

Mr. R. B. Garrett
Bradley University
Peoria, Illinois

Dear Mr. Garrett:

In answer to your letter of October 22, we are forwarding under separate cover several publications dealing with desegregation in Southern schools. Should your topic, Education in the South, be more comprehensive, you may wish to refer to a copy of Public Education in the South - Today and Tomorrow, by Ernst W. Swanson and John A. Griffin (University of North Carolina Press, 1955). This book will probably be available in your local library.

We hope this material will be of help to you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bl

October 25, 1957

Mr. Edward Howden
Executive Director
Council for Civic Unity of San Francisco
437 Market Street
San Francisco 5, California

Dear Ed:

Thanks for your recent letter and the good news that Roy Wilkins will speak before the Commonwealth Club. I believe you are wise in urging that one of the three SRC men also speaks because it is always impressive to Yankees and Westerners when a Southern white speaks for freedom.

I hope it will be possible for you to come to the NAIRO meeting in Kansas City. These meetings are never the same when you don't come to them. The trip would be worth your while just to hear HST.

Best regards to Helen and you.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

October 25, 1957

Mr. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N.E. Second Avenue
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Billiam:

I have received copies of your letters to Bishop Louttit and to Bill Baggs - both of them very fine. My thanks for your quick response to my request.

I have suggested to Paul Rilling of the regional YMCA that he get in touch with you regarding the proposed conference to be held near Lake Placid, Florida, the 27th through the 31st December. I have been invited to come for part of that time - just which part is not now certain - but I'se a comin. Please cooperate in every way possible with Paul. He is a good egg and this is a noteworthy program. If he is interested in local Y leadership I would commend for your consideration a chap who directs the Southwestern Y in Miami; his name is Russell Lindquist, good friend of mine and brother of my former room-mate. He would be a good guy, Bill, to work with in other areas too, and might be considered for Board membership. Under any circumstances go see him and talk with him, it will be worth the effort.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

October 25, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thanks for calling to my attention the problem which Carolyn Wheeler is having with the Encampment for Citizenship. It was my understanding too that the scholarship covered everything but travel expenses. I have written Bill Shannon about the matter and will keep you informed of all developments. You will have received a copy of my letter to him and the material you asked us to return.

I will be glad to speak on "Conservation of the Human Resources of South Carolina" at your meeting on November 7. I assume this meeting is in Columbia. Would you please give me the poop on it.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

October 25, 1957

Dr. Harold L. Lunger
Brite College of the Bible
Texas Christian University
Forth Worth, Texas

Dear Harold:

Many thanks for the report on the Institute on the Church in a Multiracial Society. I hope this was sent, because it is so good, to each of the participants.

I believe that institutes of this type are a significant contribution to the peaceful solution of the problems which beset us. It is good to find the Church stepping out and taking a lead on the side of righteousness. The politicians are anxious to prevent this from being recognised as a moral issue, but then politicians have not had a close association with morality and probably would not recognise a moral issue if they came face to face with it. On the other hand, it is the role of the Church to define what are moral issues and then to speak out on the side of righteousness and to lead its ministers and its people into the paths of righteousness.

In your work you are carrying the torch and leading the way.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

VIA AIR MAIL

October 25, 1957

Dr. Gordon W. Lovejoy
P. O. Box 507
Guilford College, North Carolina

Dear Doc:

Just a note to let you know that I agree completely with your recent comments concerning the short notice of the November 5th interagency meeting. However, you should know that, of course, SRC serves in this capacity as a dispenser of information, not the originator of it.

As our memorandum stated, the interagency group as represented by the agencies of Atlanta made the decision to call the meeting for the dates scheduled. SRC did not. The memorandum you received dated October 17 left this office some three hours after I received word of the planned dates. This is indeed too short a notice, but existing circumstances seemed, to the group making the decision, to make the short notice justifiable.

We do hope that it will be possible for you to be with us in Atlanta on the 5th.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
[redacted]

October 25, 1957

Miss Loie G. Gaunt
Apartment 105
3850 Tunlaw Road, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Gaunt:

In the absence of Mr. Fleming we are responding to your letter of the 21st. Enclosed you will find a copy of our report, The Negro Voter in the South as per your request.

If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure: 1

October 25, 1957

Mr. John H. Kessel
Instructor of Political Science
Amherst College
Amherst, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Kessel:

In the absence of Mr. Fleming we are responding to your letter of the 22nd. Enclosed you will find a copy of our report, The Negro Voter in the South as per your request.

If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure: 1

October 25, 1957

Mrs. Roy A. Fiske
5239 Kingsbury Avenue
Jacksonville 5
Florida

Dear Marge:

How pleasant it was to receive your letter and know that all goes well with you. I am happy to see that you are carrying on the good work by leading the W.S.C.S. Mission Study Course, "Christ, The Church, and Race." I am glad that you have gotten to know Crawford Solomon and Bob McCloskey.

Things go well here at the Council. We are kept very busy and I am spending, as usual, too much time on the road. My current secretary, and I hope permanent one, is a splendid young English lady who formerly worked for the BBC. She eases the burden of the work both with her proficiency and her pleasant personality. At the moment she is embarrassed by my saying this, but it can't be helped.

The next time I get down to Jacksonville I will give you and Roy a buzz.

Best regards to you both and to the children.

As ever,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:FCL

October 25, 1957

Mr. Gustave Falk, Area Director
The American Jewish Committee
523 Fidelity Building
Dallas 2, Texas

Dear Gus:

Thank you for your letter of October 24 with the many enclosures. Unfortunately they did not include a copy of the material on the economic aspects of this problem which you showed me on the plane between Austin and Dallas. I would still very much like to have a copy of this particular clip.

I am arriving in Dallas on the 5th as scheduled on Delta flight 911, arriving in Dallas at 1.02 in the afternoon and I shall leave Dallas for Atlanta the next morning at 8.25. Would you please make reservations for me at the Adolphus or the Baker?

I shall be glad to comply with the twenty minutes restriction. As a friend of mine from Texas said: "If you can't strike oil in twenty minutes quit boring." As to paying for my expenses I will submit a voucher upon my return to Atlanta and you can reimburse the Council.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

Same letter sent to Mrs. Ben Russell, Greenville, Tennessee

October 25, 1957

Mrs. Clarice Harvey
Box 9849
Southern University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Harvey:

We are delighted you are coming, and I am asking you to be a reporter at one of the four workshops.

Your reservation is at Atlanta University.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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October 25, 1957

Mr. Arthur L. Johnson, Executive Secretary
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
606 East Vernor Highway
Detroit 1, Michigan

Dear Arthur:

Thank you for your letter of October 23 and I will be happy to substitute for Harold Fleming at the November 20th general session. Harold would have made a unique contribution to the panel and it is too bad that the NAIRO members won't have the opportunity to hear him. But the other panel members should make interesting presentations, for they are able men, and I will be in fast company. Dan Dodson, of course, is an old friend of mine under whom I studied at New York University. I look forward to seeing you in Kansas City.

Best personl regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

October 25, 1957

Mr. William G. Shannon
Encampment for Citizenship
2 West 64th Street
New York 23, N.Y.

Dear Bill:

Thanks for your letter of October 23rd, which I hasten to answer lest you assume that my letter of yesterday was in reply.

SRC will be glad to cooperate again with the Encampment and we hope to send you another splendid group of encampmenters. All of our people have been enthusiastic about their experiences at the Encampment and we believe it is a contribution to their understanding of democracy.

I look forward to seeing you at Kansas City and as a Board member of NAIRO I will be happy to introduce a motion bestowing blessings on the Encampment.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

October 25, 1957

Mr. James O. Bond
6301 Elise Drive
Jacksonville
Florida

Dear Mr. Bond:

Please excuse the long delay in answering your letter regarding the possibilities of SRC assistance to a ten-year follow-up of the 1946 survey.

Unfortunately no direct financial assistance is possible for like most agencies in this field our money is carefully budgeted well in advance. But we could offer professional consultant service to help plan the follow-up survey and could put you in touch with other communities which have undertaken surveys. If the group makes further progress in its thinking please let us know how we can be of assistance. I promise you that we will not be so tardy in answering your next letter.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

M E M O R A N D U M October 28, 1957

FUND-RAISING ASPECTS OF NEW YORK TRIP
October 20-25, 1957

I. The Field Foundation

Talked with Max Hahn. He was both discouraged about the South and about the internal affairs of the Foundation. He said he literally didn't know whether they would have any funds for grants of any kind in the near future. However, he said that he was scheduling a board meeting very soon and that an application from SRC would be considered along with everything else. He is much concerned with projects that will influence the power structure without creating any controversy. I spent some time trying to interpret to him how some of SRC's activities do just this, but I'm not sure how much of it really registered. In any case, we should get a request in as soon as possible. Several of my advisers thought that it would be a great mistake to ask for less than $20,000 or $25,000, even though the prospect of getting such a grant at this time is practically non-existant. One suggestion was that we should ask for such an amount and state in the application that we realize that it may not be possible for the Foundation to give that much now; but, even though a much smaller grant would be all that is possible now, we would hope that the Foundation would consider the larger amount as soon as its circumstances permit.

II. The New York Foundation

Talked by telephone with David M. Heyman, who is a member of the family that established the Foundation, he is a trustee, and serves as an un-paid executive for the Foundation. Heyman was most friendly and encouraging. He is a good friend of Ken Clark's and knew that Ken is doing a research job in Little Rock for us. He suggested that I talk to Clark, but I was unable to reach him before I left New York. After some discussion of SRC's activities, Heyman suggested that we submit an application for general support. The application should be in duplicate, with two copies of our budget, showing expense and income for the last year and some of our foundation contributors. We should also send a copy of our tax exemption letter. The Board meets monthly, so that our request would receive early consideration. No amount was discussed. However, the Foundation is relatively well endowed, and we might realistically ask for $10,000 or $15,000. My guess is that, assuming favorable action, $10,000 is what we would get.

III. The Ittleson Family Foundation

I talked by telephone with Dr. Nina Ridenour, the executive secretary. She was polite but firm in her refusal to see me. She said that I should write her what SRC had in mind and she would then advise me whether there was any likelihood of a request from SRC being considered. She said that she was doubtful that our work would fall within the scope of the Ittleson Foundation. Altogether, pretty discouraging.

IV. West Coast Foundation Known to Hugh Moore of the AFSC.

In a talk with Alphonse Miller, fund-raiser for the AFSC, he mentioned a West Coast foundation that likes to give to controversial efforts. The idea seems to be that this foundation is really action-minded. He said that we would have to get the name of the foundation from another AFSC fund-raiser, Hugh Moore, who has handled negotiations with it. Frank Loescher said that he would undertake to get this information for us.

V. Katharine Taylor has two friends who are close to foundations with which we are dealing. One is Miss Helen Ross, a lay analyst of prominence in the psychiatric field, and a member of the Field Foundation board. The other is Paul McGhee, Dean of NYU General Education Division, 1 Washington Square North. He serves as a consultant to the New York Foundation and, according to Katharine Taylor, is in general an extremely likeable and sympathic person. Sympathetic Katharine can be expected to say a good word for us to both of these friends when she sees them.

VI. The Chace Fund

This is the Anna M. and Elizabeth H. Chace Fund, 1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia. Harold Evans is chairman and Frank Loescher is on the board. This foundation is very close to the AFSC and most or all of its board members are Quakers. It gave $3,000 to Penn Community Services recently. Marion Wright is friendly with Harold Evans. Frank Loescher cannot play any active or initiating role, though of course he would support our request when it came before the board of the Fund. He suggests that the request might be signed by Marion Wright and sent by him to Harold Evans. Our request should stress that we work closely and cooperatively with the Southern office of AFSC, giving such illustrations as our cooperation on the North Carolina school project, that we exemplify reason and good will in our approach, that we are close to the Penn Community Center, and that we serve the religious groups in the South as coordinator, information center, supplying consultants,

planning joint educational efforts by the various agencies, and so on. We might consider asking Tartt Bell to write a supporting letter. The next meeting of this foundation is on November 14th, which would require a request in by November 6th. The next meeting after that is January 9th, for which the request should be in no later than December 31st. The request should be submitted in 8 copies.

VII. The McGregor Fund, 2486 National Bank Building, Detroit 6, Michigan
William J. Norton, President (Beach, Consultant)

This foundation gave $20,000 to NAIRO for the internship project. They are apparently interested in professionalization of the human relations field. Frank Loescher thinks that perhaps they might be willing to consider an application for support of our interagency coordinating efforts. What is called for is an exploratory letter inquiring about the suitability of our submitting an application.

VIII. The Ella Lyman Cabot Trust

Dr. Gordon Allport of the psychology department, Harvard University, is the secretary. This trust gives to individuals rather than to groups or organizations. Some years ago, Emory Via received a fellowship from them to do labor education in the Atlanta area. Frank feels that they might entertain a request that was geared to the work of some individual, notably Mrs. Tilly. Richard Hocking of Emory University is close to this fund. We should discuss this with Emory. Loescher also stressed the desirability of our developing closer ties generally with Allport.

IX. The Richardson Foundation

This is the Richardson connected with the Vick Chemical Company. There seems to be no immediate prospect of our getting any help from the Foundation, since the Richardson who runs it is very conservative and has conservative Southern ties in North Carolina. However, Frank talked with a Mr. Frank R. Barnett, the director of research, who was personally sympathetic and suggested that at some later time the Foundation, under new leadership might help. Frank suggests that I write Barnett, send him background on SRC, and say I would like to see him the next time I am in New York. The address is: 122 East 42nd Street, Room 1708, New York 17, New York.

X. The Aaron Norman Family Foundation

David Freeman is serving as consultant to this foundation, the object being for him to systematize their giving. One of the

things he is trying to do is to develop for them a comprehensive program in the field of human relations. He was to see last Friday members of the Norman family who live in Atlanta. I am personally acquainted with two of them - Mr. and Mrs. DeJongh Franklin. Several years ago, when the SRC was in dire shape, Franklin arranged for the Foundation to make a small emergency grant to SRC. Freeman will advise us of the possibilities here and of what we should do and when.

XI. The Benjamin Rosenthal Foundation

At Frank Loescher's suggestion, I got an appointment with Edmund A. Rosenthal, President of the Foundation, 600 Fifth Avenue, New York. Frank had talked with Rosenthal about another matter and had mentioned SRC to him. The Foundation gave $10,000 toward the support of the AFSC's North Carolina school project. Rosenthal was friendly and listened well, but expressed himself as doubtful of the importance of any voluntary activity in so big and complex a problem as segregation in the South. I gave him all our arguments. In the end, he agreed that I should write him what we have in mind and send him full particulars about SRC. He would consider the matter and advise as to whether a full blown application would be considered.

XII. The William C. Whitney Foundation

Mike Straight called just before I went to New York to ask whether we intended to request renewal of their present grant. He suggested that this be submitted within the next month or so and cautioned me that Roger Baldwin feels that the Fund for the Republic's grant to us makes it unnecessary for the Whitney Foundation to give further aid. Therefore, we should stress the needs of our organization.

XIII. The Fund for the Republic

I paid a courtesy call to the Fund and talked to Ed Reid, Ping Ferry, Frank Kelly, and Hallock Hoffman. Henseforth, Hoffman will be our liaison man at the Fund; he should receive all regular reports, correspondence pertaining to our grantee status, and so on. I discussed with Hoffman the question of the Arkansas emergency grant. There is a thousand dollars remaining which can be claimed for Arkansas, having been approved by the Fund's board for special work with the Western Arkansas counties. Hoffman said that it would be possible to obtain the additional thousand for other work in Arkansas, namely in Little Rock. But I must write (or call) Hoffman to this effect by November 1st. (Their board is meeting shortly thereafter.)

XIV. The Farfield Foundation

I had an interview with John Thompson, the executive secretary.

He expressed doubt that the Foundation would regard SRC's work as within its scope. However, the Foundation is interested in international matters and I talked at some length of our work with foreign visitors and the need for support of that function. Thompson suggested that I write him what we would do with additional funds, as well as what we have been doing in this area. He also suggested that I send a list of foreign visitors we have served for the last year or some such period. While he was not too hopeful, he said he would explore the matter with board members and see if their interest could be aroused. The Farfield Foundation is at 37 West 57th Street, New York.

XV. The Jacob R. Schiff Fund

The three trustees of this Fund are Dr. Buell G. Gallagher, President, City College, New York 31, New York; Dr. Grayson Kirk, President, Columbia University, New York 27, New York; and, Mr. Edwin Wolf II, Curator, Pennsylvania Library, Ridgeway Library, Broad and Christian Streets, Philadelphia 47, Pennsylvania. I Talked with Dr. Gallagher, giving him a fairly full picture of SRC and its current activities and also leaving with him the voting study and South of Promise. He was noncommittal about our chances of getting aid from the Schiff Foundation, but was perfectly agreeable to the idea of our submitting an application and supplied me with the names and addresses of the other trustees. He said the application should be sent to each of them. In answer to my question, he said that there were no special policies about grants, except that they must be made within the continental United States. The Schiff Foundation is a liquidation job - that is, the trustees are spending all of the capital as quickly as they can find worthy objects to whom to give it. Gallagher said that there was very little of the money left. He, himself, is a former president of Talladega College and long identified with a liberal position on racial questions. I was left with the feeling that, if we submit a good application, he will support it.

XVI. The Rockefeller Brothers Fund

I spent a good deal of time with staff members of this Fund, mainly Montgomery Bradley and Harry Meserve. I also talked more briefly with the director, Dana Creel, and York Allen. They are considering a request for $8,000 from the Arkansas Council, which is supposed to have the blessing of Winthrop Rockefeller. They are concerned about their investigations in Arkansas, which seem to indicate that many people there feel that the Arkansas Council is lacking in leadership and imagination. The Arkansas request will be separately disposed of by the Fund. However, I was told

in my second interview that the staff had decided that a request from the Southern Regional Council would be considered. This should be in by about December 15th. It should probably be a request for support to one or more specific projects rather than for general support. Bradley mentioned specifically consultant work with educators and with law enforcement authorities as areas in which he felt their board might be interested, though we may request aid for something else if we wish. Meantime, we should send earlier full information about SRC, including financial data, biographical data on board, our budget and other sources of support, including Southern. This may have to be sent in two installments, since our new board won't be complete for at least several weeks. The Rockefeller Brothers Fund is at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York

XVII. The Phelps-Stokes Fund

I spent a good deal of time with Wilton Dillon discussing project items that are of mutual interest and might involve some support for SRC. Of immediate importance is the fact that the Phelps-Stokes board meets on November 20th and should have before it at that time a request of renewal of aid to Mrs. Tilly's program. This means that we should get this request in as soon as possible.

XVIII. The Christopher Reynolds Foundation

Unfortunately, I was not able to see Jack Clareman, the executive of this Foundation. We must sometime soon ascertain from him when our request for renewal of grant should be submitted and what SRC activities they would be likely to consider favorably. He wrote sometime back to say that they liked other activities of SRC better than our work with foreign visitors and would prefer that our next application be based on some other activity.

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October 28, 1957

Mr. Claude A. Barnett
Director
The Associated Negro Press, Inc.
3531 South Parkway
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Mr. Barnett:

We are deeply appreciative for your letter to Dr. Hutchins in support of the Southern Regional Council. I was recently in New York, where I talked with principals of the Fund for the Republic who were most favorably impressed with this commendation.

While I was there, I also saw Wilton Dillon and discussed with him various projects that the Phelps-Stokes Fund is considering. Some of them grow directly out of our discussions at Capahosic and seem to me most promising. The Southern Regional Council will cooperate with the Fund in every way it can to make these projects effective.

Again, my warm thanks and every good wish.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 28, 1957

Mr. John W. Davis
Special Director
Teacher Information and Security
N. A. A. C. P.
107 West 43rd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Dr. Davis:

I am happy to send you the enclosed copy of our recent report on Negro registration in the South.

It occurs to me that you should be receiving regularly our monthly publication New South and other occasional reports. I am placing you on our complimentary list to receive these.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures: The Voting Survey
Congressional Record Reprint - Fri. April 26, 1957

October 28, 1957

MEMORANDUM

To: John Constable

From: M. F.

Please place the following name on our complimentary mailing list to receive NEW SOUTH and other reports which we distribute.

Mr. John W. Davis
Special Director
Teacher Information and Security
N.A.A.C.P. - Legal Defense and
Educational Fund, Inc.
107 West 43rd Street
New York 36, New York

October 28, 1957

Miss Katharine Taylor
Alumnae House
Poughkeepsie, New York

Dear Katharine:

It always gives me a great boost to get together with you and share ideas. I must say it always seems that the time is all too short.

I had a very good conversation with Mrs. Mahon - by telephone. Though we weren't able to get together, things worked out amazingly well. It turned out that the Little Rock bulletin is being prepared by Dorothy Height of the YWCA. I had lunch with her and with Alison Raymond. We discussed at some length what the bulletin might contain, and I am sending them some background information. In addition, I am putting the Committee of Correspondence on our mailing list and have volunteered to help them with specific inquiries they receive from their overseas correspondence. I am sure that we will be cooperating to the mutual advantage of both organizations.

I also had some very good conversations with foundation people, which I won't report in detail here. Suffice it to say that we should get some tangible benefit from at least a few of them.

I recall that you wanted some information on the Fund for the Republic's new program. Enclosed is a brochure which describes it.

I hope all went well in Cambridge and that you are totally fit again. I will be writing you again soon. Meanwhile, let me hear from you as your teaching load permits.

Yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure: The Free Society - FFR

October 28, 1957

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

After our conversation last week, I talked with some of the people at the Fund for the Advancement of Education and found that they did, after all, make a grant to the Committee of Educators for the preparation of a manual on desegregation. The Committee is headed by Dean J. B. White, Dean of the College of Education at the University of Florida. I thought you would want to know that this project apparently is underway.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Air Mail

October 28, 1957

Mr. David F. Freeman
The Association of the Bar of the
City of New York
42 West 44th Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Dave:

I hope all went well with your Atlanta conferences. I look forward to hearing further from you on the subject.

As you suggested, I am enclosing a copy of our last letter from the Boston law firm that is handling the Emerson estate. I am also sending a copy to Adam. If either of you know anybody in the firm who may be able to shed more light on the situation, I'll be most grateful. I talked to Buell Gallagher on Friday morning. He was most cordial, if non-committal, and seemed quite agreeable to our submitting an application for aid from the Jacob R. Schiff Foundation. He did say, however, that they had dispersed quite a bit of the Foundation's principal and "there isn't much left." Judging by that and other comments he made, it doesn't seem likely to me that they are in the market for staff help. But it might be worth a try. Incidentally, Frank knows one of the three trustees, Edwin Wolf, II, Curator of the Pennsylvanian Library. Maybe he could take a sounding for you.

I will send you separately one or two copies of Integration North and South, depending on what we can find.

Incidentally, I found Ping Ferry most solicitously concerned about your welfare. He remarked that he hadn't heard or talked with you since you departed those premises. Without giving any

details, I said you seemed to be flourishing in every way.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure

VIA AIR MAIL

October 28, 1957

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
Doubleday and Company, Inc.
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Adam:

I am sorry I goofed so badly on our get-together and even failed to reach you by telephone the following day. Such are the perils of New York for a country boy.

Further reflection has failed to inspire me with any further suggestions for the editor of your collection on Little Rock. In fact, the more I think of it, the more Shoemaker seems to be the logical man, provided he can give the necessary time to it. And I should think he could, if he really wants to.

I have two favors to ask. First, if you have the name of Kaplan's assistant handy, I'd appreciate having it for future reference. Second, I'm enclosing a letter from a Boston law firm that is handling the estate of a Mr. Emerson, who very kindly remembered SRC in his will. We have been unable to find out anything about the size or nature of the estate, except for what is said in the enclosed letter. Dave felt that there is a chance you might know somebody in the firm who could shed more light on the matter. So I am sending this on the off chance.

I hope your stint in the bookstore was a rewarding experience - or that it will be when you get to be vice-president of the firm. Let me know when I can advise on any of the many ideas you will be dealing with, and particularly anytime you

are going to be in these parts.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 28, 1957

Mr. Aaron Aronin
Jewish Labor Committee
127 N. Dearborn Street
Chicago 2, Illinois

Dear Archie:

It was good to see your article in the October Butcher Workman. I'm still listed among those who are appreciative of your efforts to bring increased understanding of demcoracy to Chicago and environs.

Keep plugging.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

October 28, 1957

Mr. Helmuth Kern
2800 N. Sheridan Road
Chicago 14, Illinois

Dear Helmuth:

This is just a note to say "howdy" and to let you know that the October Butcher Workman's report of your educational activities was impressive.

I am enclosing a copy of our own most recent study. If you ever come southward it would give us great pleasure to see you.

With best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosure Negro Voter

EFV:fcl

October 28, 1957

Mr. V.H. Williams
Arkansas State Federated Labor Council
415 National Old Line Building
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Bill:

This is a belated note of appreciation to you, Odell, and the Arkansas State Federated Labor Council for the September 1st statement on the impending integration in Little Rock's schools.

I am sure that you have had troubles enough during the past few weeks. I trust that it will not be too long before I can be in Arkansas. I am enclosing a copy of our most recent publication. Please feel free to call on me if I can be of service to you.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosure

EFV:fcl

October 28, 1957

Mr. Henry Zon
Director of Research
Committee on Political Education
815 16th Street N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Henry:

The two special reports (mimeographed) which I sent you earlier contain most of the information included in this current release, The Negro Voter in the South. I am glad that the publicity caught your eye. However, one would have soon been coming your way.

I would like to receive your comments on this piece, and any ideas that you might have for its distribution, keeping in mind that we would need to recover our cost for any large distribution.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

Enclosure

VIA AIR MAIL

October 28, 1957

Mr. Edwin T. Randall
122 N. Providence Road
Wallingford, Pennsylvania

Dear Edwin Randall:

I was glad to get your recent letter and to learn of the new independent radio agency that you have established. My apologies for this delay in replying, but the flu and travel have combined to put me in miserable arrears with my correspondence. I did know of your new operation and of the possibility of your coming to Atlanta through Tartt Bell, who wrote me most warmly about your work.

This is a rather unpredictable time for us, but as far as I know, I will be in Atlanta on November 16th. I will be glad to see you if you can make it here then. At that time, we could go over a rather extensive list of possible interviewees whose views on tape might be helpfully distributed.

It also occurs to me that there are promising possibilities of a tie-in with your work by a number of agencies concerned with human relations that are meeting together both at the national and at the Southern level. We can discuss this further when we get together.

Let me know when to expect you. Meanwhile, best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 28, 1957

Mr. Colbert S. Cartwright, Pastor
Pulaski Heights Christian Church
Hillcrest and Spruce
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Bert:

We don't know a great deal about the Southern Newsletter, even though they have lately taken to plugging the Southern Regional Council. Judging by the backgrounds of some of the people associated with it, we have our doubts as to the reliability and discretion of the operation. I think you would be well advised not to become a contributor or supporter of it.

This gives me an opportunity to tell you how much I admired your recent articles in the Christian Century and the Reporter. The only suggestion I would presume to make is that you suppress your natural modesty and give the Arkansas Council a healthy boost in your future writings on Little Rock. Incidentally, I was just in New York and found a number of people commenting favorably on your analyses.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 28, 1957

MEMORANDUM

To: John Constable

From: M. F.

Please add the following name to our complimentary mailing list for NEW SOUTH.

Miss Alison Raymond
Committee of Correspondence
345 East 46th Street
New York 17, New York

Also:

Mr. Robt. Ajemian
Life Magazine
9 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

October 28, 1957

Mr. Alexander Brooks
Associate Professor of Law
Rutgers University
53 Washington Street
Newark 2, New Jersey

Dear Alex:

Good to hear from you. Enclosed is a copy of the voting report which the Times very obligingly gave front page publicity to.

Thanks for the foundation suggestion. As it happens, Frank Loescher put us onto this one a couple of years ago, and they have given us two grants of $5,000. There seems to be a good chance that they will renew once again in the coming year. But, as you know, our fund-raising problems never end. If any other likely sources occur to you, I'll be everlastingly grateful to you for passing them along.

I know you are approaching your teaching duties with all the zest and ability that you customarily apply to your work. I will expect you to be a full professor in no time at all. Let us know anytime we can supply information that will help you.

Best regards from all of us here.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure: Voting Survey

VIA AIR MAIL

October 29, 1957

Mr. Willard Baldwin
Edward L. Greenfield and Company
65 East 55th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

Mr. Fleming has asked that we send you the enclosed material concerning the Georgia Commission on Education. This represents the best of the information we have on file. If you need more however, we will attempt to get it.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures. Propaganda Sheet - Ga. Comm. on Edu.
Article: "Talmadge Signs Segregation Bill"
" "Talmadge Aides Push Segregation..." Atl. Const. 11/17/53
" "Full List of General Bills and Resolutions Passed" Atl. Const. 12/11/53
" "Ill-Considered Racial Policies Damaging to All" Daily Times, Sept. 30, 1956
" "'Georgia Story' Planned for Washington Papers" Atl. Const. 6/24/57
" "Georgia Will Publicize 'Southern Viewpoint'" Atl. Const. 8/21/57

Encls: Listed in ltr.

VIA AIR MAIL

October 25, 1957

Mr. Willard Baldwin
Edward L. Greenfield and Company
65 East 55th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

Pursuant to our telephone discussion this afternoon I am sending you some material on the Highlander Folk School and on the Labor Day weekend conference held there. Dr. Moron and I both participated in the conference as individuals and not as representatives of our respective organizations. Several things are important to remember:

(1) Highland Folk School has not been listed as a subversive organization by either the Attorney General of the United States nor by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

(2) The Georgia Commission on Education is a pro-segregation propagandist outfit created by the State of Georgia to present the Southern story and the Georgia side of the segregation controversy to the nation. This is their first attempt and their weapons are guilt-by-association and innuendoes and falsehood.

I am sending you a copy of (1) Myles Horton's answer to these charges; (2) a copy of a letter from the executive director of the Adult Education Association to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue regarding Highlander; (3) a clipping from the Atlanta Constitution regarding the Georgia Commission.

I would suggest further that you get hold of the April 1957 issue of Adult Leadership, Vol. 5, No. 10, for in it on page 300 is a lauditory accounting of the Highlander Folk School. You might want to get in touch with Myles Horton, the director of Highlander. His address is:

Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

I am sending a copy of this letter to your local representative at Hampton, Mr. Joseph Brady. Anytime we can be of further help to you, please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Associate Director

FBR/mf
Enclosures: 3

cc: Mr. Joseph Brady

VIA AIR MAIL

October 25, 1957

Mr. Joseph Brady
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brady:

I am sending you the enclosed material at the request of Mr. Baldwin. The letter and the contents are self explantory.

My best regards to Dr. Moron.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Associate Director

FBR/mf
Enclosures: 3

October 29, 1957

Mr. James E. Stewart
548 N. E. 4th Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Stewart:

We are happy to know that you will be with us for the Annual Meeting.

As you requested, we have made reservations for you at the University Motel for the nights of November 11th and 12th, with late arrival indicated for the 11th. You are correct in assuming that the Council will be responsible for all expenses.

We look forward to seeing you on the 12th.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

VIA AIR MAIL

October 29, 1957

Miss Dorothy Height
National Board - YWCA
600 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Miss Height:

I am still congratulating myself on the lucky chance which enabled me to have lunch with you and Miss Raymond.

Unfortunately, I am in town only long enough to give a few instructions. I am asking our research assistant, Miss Manderson, to draw together from our files the kind of material we discussed and to send it to you as early as possible. You should have it within a day or two. I am sorry it wasn't possible for me to make the selection myself, but if you find yourself in need of other information, don't hesitate to write and ask us for it.

Once the bulletin is done, I do hope you will send me a copy. I have added your name, as well as that of Miss Raymond to our complimentary mailing list.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 29, 1957

MEMORANDUM

To: John Constable

From: M. F.

Please add the following name to our complimentary mailing list:

Miss Dorothy Height
National Board - YWCA
600 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York

VIA AIR MAIL

October 29, 1957

Mr. Harry Fleischman
Director
National Labor Service
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Harry:

I haven't had a chance to draw up a careful list of Southern "moderates" who might be considered for the Confederate-Union parley in New York. But here are a few names off-the-top, to supplement those of Ashmore, McGill, and Mr. Roper's Memphis friend, Birch (sp?).

Hodding Carter, Greenville, Mississippi; Reed Sarratt, Executive Editor, The Journal and Sentinel, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Buford Boone, Editor, The News, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Irving Carlyle, Attorney and civic leader, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Professor James Silver, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi; Francis Pickens Miller, leading anti-Byrd figure, writer and churchman, Charlottesville, Virginia.

If the conference is to be bi-racial - and I don't see why it shouldn't be - an appropriate Negro editor from the South would be Thomas W. Young of the Norfolk Journal and Guide. Also, Dr. Rufus E. Clement, President of Atlanta University, might be a good choice. It occurs to me that to balance Young, an invitation might be issued to Claude Barnett, head of the Associated Negro Press in Chicago.

All of the people I have named would, I think, make a reasonable and constructive contribution to the discussion.

I haven't yet had a chance to discuss this with McGill, but I hope to next week when I get back from a trip I'm about to start. I will also give further thought to possible participants who might be more appropriate than some of those in the off-the-top list above.

Keep me posted.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Encl. 1 - Atl. Const. Oct. 28, 1957
"Racial Issues Fail To Harm Business"

October 29, 1957

Mr. Peter Warren
Economist
The Champion Paper and Fibre Company
Hamilton, Ohio

Dear Mr. Warren:

Enclosed you will find a copy of our recent report, The Negro Voter in the South.

If we can be of further service, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure: 1

VIA AIR MAIL

October 29, 1957

Mr. Frank Kelly
Vice-President
The Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

It was good to see you, however briefly, last week.

I recall your saying that you would like to have 40 copies of our booklet, The Negro Voter in the South. They are being sent to you today.

You may have seen the Sunday piece in the New York Times which once again cited the findings of this study. The Fund's aid on this project enabled us to make, I think, a real contribution.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA
JAckson 2-3764

HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

October 29, 1957

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Cooperating Agencies

FROM: Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

SUBJ: SCHEDULED NOVEMBER MEETING

If you have not done so, we hope you will indicate as soon as possible whether or not you will be able to attend the interagency conference on November 5th and 6th.

The meeting will convene on November 5th at 1:30 P. M., in the Board Room of the Administration Building, Atlanta University. Reservations will be made for all out-of-town participants at the A. U. Dormitory unless other arrangements are requested. Dinner on the night of the 5th will be arranged for all participants of the conference. Breakfast on the 6th will be available at the A. U. Dining Hall for those who remain on the campus overnight. The meeting will adjourn at 12:00 Noon on the 6th.

Mr. Arthur J. Levin of the Anti-Defamation League will serve as chairman of the meeting. Among other matters to be discussed, will be ways of implementing the best of the ideas that came out of our Washington meeting.

If there are any special arrangements which you need, we will be happy to make them for you, if possible.

October 29, 1957

Mr. Harry L. Alston
Executive Director
Southern Field Division
National Urban League
250 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alston:

This comes to express our appreciation to you for coming to our group recently to share with us some of the aspects of your work. I am sure that all who took part in our informal discussion has gained a broader knowledge of the Urban League and its functions, its varied developments in major fields, and most of all we are more aware than ever of the importance of continued Urban League operation.

Again, many thanks.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary

MF

VIA AIR MAIL

October 30, 1957

Mr. John Hope II
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

Enclosed are copies of the announcements sent to persons concerned with the interagency meeting - November 5th and 6th, and the board meeting - November 12th and 13th.

This oversight is a major goof on my part and I'm really sorry. But, I admire your patience. Were I in your position, I would have written long and indignantly. For this patience, and to help extend the apology, I'll buy you a canned coke when you arrive.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
(Chagrined) Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

October 30, 1957

Mr. Henry Lee Moon, Director
Public Relations - NAACP
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Moon:

In the absence of Mr. Fleming, your letter of the 28th has been called to my attention. Accordingly, under separate cover we are sending you six (6) copies of our report, The Negro Voter in the South.

Several copies of our New South and special reports do go to your New York office. Through an oversight on our part, one I am at a loss to understand, you have not been receiving our regular mailings. We are correcting this mistake and in the future you will automatically receive New South and other reports which may be of interest.

We are most anxious to help in any way possible the good work of your office.

If we can supply you with additional copies of this report and other material, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

October 30, 1957

Mr. Harry S. Jones
Executive Secretary
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jones:

In Harold Fleming's absence your letter of the 29th has been called to my attention.

Enclosed you will find our most recent list of board members. This list, however, is incorrect in so far as it still includes ex-officio members (state chairmen and one elected representative from each of the states).

The two state representatives ceased to be members of the board as of October 1st when the state organizations became independent. In North Carolina this, of course, effects Mr. John Larkins and Mr. Raymond Wheeler. At this point, since these men are not members of the board, an invitation has not been extended to them to attend the Annual Meeting. However, at the Annual Meeting, the Nominating Committee will submit its recommendation for board members to make up for the large number of state representatives. It is likely, in my opinion, that both Mr. Larkins and Mr. Wheeler will be elected to membership on the board and thereafter will serve as regular members.

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Mr. John Wheeler is a regular member of the board and has been invited to the meeting. Such invitations are given with the understanding that the Council is responsible for

all expenses. Actually, Mr. John Wheeler is of the "class of 1957" and therefore his term expires after the November meeting. In this case too, I believe that Mr. Wheeler will be re-elected.

The three regular board members from North Carolina, John Wheeler, Guy Johnson, and E. A. McDowell, have been invited. We hope that, and of course Mr. Wheeler, will all find it possible to be with us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure: List of Board Members

October 30, 1957

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Public Relations - NAACP
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

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We are most anxious to help in any way possible the good work of your office.

If we can supply you with additional copies of this report and other material, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

October 30, 1957

Business Week
McGraw-Hill Publishing Co., Inc.
330 West 42nd Street
New York 36, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

Please send us two copies of the October 26th issue of Business Week. Bill us for cost.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fc

October 30, 1957

Mr. Ralph McGill, Editor
THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ralph:

I have just seen the last of Roy Harris' effusions, and while we are long since hardened to his rantings, I am disturbed at the way he is using his lies about SRC to defame you and put the squeeze on Bishop Moore.

Even before this came up, I had wanted to get together with you to discuss one or two matters of a more positive nature. I am about to leave on a two-day trip, but I will call you on return to see if we can get together sometime next week.

I needn't tell you how much I and others appreciate the able service you have been giving to decency and moderation. We particularly appreciated the helpful paragraph on SRC in your column of last Friday.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
(Signed in Mr. Fleming's absence.)

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

October 30, 1957

Mr. Hallock Hoffman
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Hallock:

Since I saw you last week, I have talked at some length with Nat Griswold, executive secretary of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations. I have delayed writing until now because I hoped to talk also with Harry Ashmore; but I haven't yet been able to reach him.

Griswold expressed the hope that the remaining $1,000 of the special $2,500 allocation for work in Western Arkansas might be available to the ACHR. As you know, the ACHR has been under heavy pressure in Little Rock as a rallying point for constructive elements, white and Negro, in the community. Many of the positive actions by religious leaders, students of Central High, and others have originated in the offices of the ACHR and have been implemented with the quiet, effective assistance of the staff and lay leaders. Although an uneasy truce now prevails, much more needs to be done, particularly efforts directed at healing the breach between the white and Negro communities.

In addition, the ACHR intends to maintain continuity with the Western Arkansas situation. Griswold will shortly repeat his field visits in that area to ascertain the damage caused by the Little Rock turmoil, and to assess the need

for further work with the superintendents of the Western counties, looking toward school desegregation there.

It is the hope of the ACHR, seconded by us, that the Fund will approve the use of the remaining $1,000 for this double effort, which poses an unusually severe financial problem for the state group.

I convey the appreciation of the Arkansas Council, as well as that of the Southern Regional Council, for the Fund's consideration of this special local need.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 30, 1957

Miss Caroline Marie Grossmann
West Side High School
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Miss Grossmann:

Thank you for your letter of October 24th. Unfortunately, "Understanding Our Neighbors" is out of print; however, we are forwarding under separate cover several other publications which will probably be of help to you.

Please do not hesitate to write if we may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:bl

October 30, 1957

Mr. Doug Griggs
R. R. 2#
Crawfordsville, Indiana

Dear Mr. Griggs:

We have your letter dated October 8th, which was received in this office on October 24th. In answer to your request, we are enclosing herewith a copy of "Next Steps in the South." Although this publication cannot be called a test, its substance is presented in the form of questions and answers. Frankly, we do not know which one of our publications the M. Y. F. Program Quarterly mentioned. If this material does not serve your purpose, please write, stating more specifically the nature of material which will be of use to you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bl

Enclosure, "Next Steps in the South"

October 30, 1957

Miss Gloria Carnacchia
364 - 15th Avenue
Newark 3, New Jersey

Dear Miss Carnacchia:

We have your letter of October 21st. Unfortunately, "Understanding Our Neighbors" is out of print; however, we are forwarding under separate cover several other publications which will probably be of help to you.

Please do not hesitate to write if we may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bl

October 30, 1957

Captain Robert Jordan
Denver Police Academy
Denver, Colorado

Dear Captain Jordan:

It is our understanding that you and Miss Helen Burke have recently co-authored a handbook outlining methods of overcoming racial prejudice for use in the Denver Police Academy. We would very much like to obtain a copy of this publication, and would appreciate your writing us the address of the office we should contact. If the Police Academy is handling distribution, please forward one (1) copy to the address above; we will remit payment immediately upon receiving your bill.

Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:bl

October 31, 1957

Mr. Harry S. Jones
Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jones:

After writing you yesterday the enclosed article from the Journal and Guide of November 2nd came to my attention. You probably have seen it. If not, I am sure you would like to. Seems like a mighty good comment.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure: 1 Article from Journal and Guide, November 2, 1957

October 31, 1957

Mr. Ralph E. Purcell
Sweet Briar College
Sweet Briar, Virginia

Dear Mr. Purcell:

In the absence of Harold Fleming we are responding to your letter of the 27th. Under separate cover we are mailing you four (4) copies of The Negro Voter in the South, and a receipt for $1.00. We are happy to know that you are able to use this material.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

October 31, 1957

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Cohen:

In the absence of Harold Fleming we are answering your letter of the 28th. Accordingly, under separate cover we are sending you twenty-five (25) copies of The Negro Voter in the South. Considering the nature of your distribution, I don't believe it would be appropriate for us to charge you for these copies. For greater distribution by your regional offices, we can make the pamphlets available at the quantity rate of 20¢ each for 50 copies or more.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

October 31, 1957

Mr. Ethan T. Colton, Sr.
103 Overlook Road
Upper Montclair, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Colton:

Your letter of October 28th concerning the Commission on Interracial Cooperation and the Southern Regional Council has been referred to me. I am mailing you a copy of our brief account of the origins and aims of the Southern Regional Council and a copy of the Congressional Record of July 26, 1957. You may also be interested in having a look at a thesis written by Edward Flud Burrows entitled: The Commission on Interracial Cooperation, 1919-1944. This thesis was done at the University of Wisconsin and you would be able to borrow a copy through the New York Library interagency loan facilities.

If we can be of additional help concerning your thesis, please do not hesitate to write. We also would like to see a copy of your finished work.

With very best regards,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/mf
Enclosures: 2 - Origins and Aims of SRC
Congressional Record, Friday, July 26, 1957

October 31, 1957

Mr. A. L. Kidd
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Kidd:

Since Mr. Fleming is away from the office, your letter concerning materials has been referred to me.

I am mailing you under separate cover a copy of What's Happening in School Integration?, The Louisville Story, and The St. Louis Story.

Films on the desegregation subject may be obtained from the Anti-Defamation League office at 45 Exchange Place, Atlanta, Georgia.

I do hope this will be of help to you in your forthcoming meeting.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:fcl

October 31, 1957

Mr. Amos Leon Parker
Post Office Box 2
Dunbar High School
Morganfield, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Parker:

Your recent letter and the manuscript you sent to Mr. Marion Wright have been referred to me as Director of Information and person in charge of our publication New South. I am extremely sorry that I have not answered your letter sooner, but it is sometimes necessary for several people to read submitted manuscripts.

While your article is extremely good, we are now concentrating on more specific elements in the segregation-integration controversy rather than on broad pictures such as you present.

I like your style and am extremely interested in seeing additional material from you. Since you are headquartered in Kentucky I wonder if you might not do us an article based on some actual integration process in your state. I believe this would be of great interest to our readers.

I do hope you will let us see any additional material you might have for publication.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

Enclosure.

JC:fcl

October 31, 1957

Dr. P. W. Hill
339 Issaquena Avenue
P. O. Box 547
Clarksdale, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Hill:

Under separate cover we are mailing you the material which you requested in your letter of October 29th.

We deeply appreciate your interest in the Southern Regional Council and in the work we are doing. It is encouraging for us to know of your interest. If we can be of any further help to you, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony,
Administrative Assistant

PA:fc

October 31, 1957

M E M O R A N D U M

To: C. H. Parrish

From: Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

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Listed below are some persons who may be candidates for the conference with Dr. Davidson:

(1) Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

I don't know if this meeting is to be interracial, but if so, surely Dr. Mays should be included.

(2) The Most Reverend Joseph B. Brunini
123 N. W. Street
Jackson, Mississippi

If Catholic, certainly Bishop Brunini.

(3) The Rt. Rev. E. A. Penick
Bishop of the Episcopal Church
802 Hillsboro Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

(4) Dr. Harry V. Richardson, President
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Georgia

Dr. Richardson - cont'd.

High in Methodist and World Council of Churches, of course.

(5) Mrs. E. U. Robinson
Box 516
Gallatin, Tennessee

Member of the Board of Missions - The Methodist Church.

(6) Mrs. J. F. Tillman
Lewisburg, Tennessee

President, Women's Division of Christian Service - The Methodist Church.

(7) Dr. Riley B. Montgomery, President
College of the Bible
~~Montgomery, Alabama~~

(8) Reverend Cornelius C. Tarplee
P. O. Box 853
Lynchburg, Virginia

Southern representative of the conscience of the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

(9) Dr. Harold C. Letts
231 Madison Avenue
New York 16, New York

Board of Social Relations of the United Lutheran Church in America. Not a Southerner but has access to the Luterans in the South.

(10) Mr. Will D. Campbell
Associate Executive
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.
1716 Westend Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

October 31, 1957

Miss J. Margaret Carter
Broadcasting and Film Commission
220 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Miss Carter:

Enclosed you will find an 8 x 10 glossy of George Mitchell as requested by your wire of this date.

There is no charge for this service. If it is possible to do so however, we would appreciate having the photograph returned since this is the only print we have of Dr. Mitchell in our files.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure: 1

October 31, 1957

Mr. Ernst Linde
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Linde:

In the absence of Mr. Fleming we are responding to your letter of the 27th. As our wire of this day indicated, we are arranging appropriate activities and briefings for Mr. Lidderdale and Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Fleming will be in Atlanta on the dates of these visits. Unfortunately, however, on these dates we will also be serving as host to a rather important conference. Also, the Phelps-Stokes Fund is sending us a Bishop Schaberg of South Africa and the Department of Labor is sending us a Mr. Hershfield of England. With three M.P.s and another citizen of the Commonwealth, we may rely heavily on staging a second conference.

Within these limitations we will, of course, do our best to take care of these gentlemen.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

October 31, 1957

Attorney Robert F. Collins
Augustine & Collins Law Firm
1470 N. Claiborne Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Collins:

In the absence of Mr. Fleming we are responding to your letter of the 28th. Mr. Via had spoken of his recent conversation with you and we are happy to send you the enclosed materials.

Enclosed you will find a copy of our charter, dated January 6, 1944, and a copy of our By-Laws with recommended changes to be acted on in November by our Board of Directors. You will note that the By-Laws allow for the affiliated Councils on Human Relations which SRC established in each of the Southern states. These state groups are now independent organizations, of of October 1, 1957. This fact accounts for the recommended changes in the By-Laws.

We have found the matter of tax exemption to be an especially difficult problem for social and educational agencies. An excellent summary of the federal laws and conditions which apply to tax-exempt or would-be tax-exempt organizations has been prepared for the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials by Jules Cohen. We are enclosing a copy of that summary delivered at the NAIRO convention on November 28, 1956.

We are, of course, interested in the progress of your organization and would like to be kept informed. In turn, if we can

supply you with further information, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

Enclosures: BY-LAWS for SRC
CHARTER - Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Report for the Civil Rights Commission of NAIRO, Nov. 28, 1956:
"Tax Exemption and Private Intergroup Relations Agencies"
by Jules Cohen

October 31, 1957

Dr. C. H. Parrish
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C. H.:

Since talking with you, Mr. Wright has called and I thought you would be interested in his comments.

He informs us that he has talked with Mr. Dabbs and Mr. Dabbs is agreeable. Mr. Wright in turn says he is satisfied and happy with the whole turn of events. I am also enclosing a list of possible churchmen with a few notes concerning them. Think you will find the list self explanatory.

Best,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure: 1

October 31, 1957

Mr. Claude H. Hall
787 Lincoln Place
Brooklyn 16, New York

Dear Mr. Hall:

In response to your letter of the 28th, we are sending you, under separate cover, a copy of our recent survey, The Negro Voter in the South. In the same packet you will find several pieces of material representative of our reports and publications. We do few thorough surveys of a statistical nature, which I gather are the type you would find most helpful. However, we do maintain a research and reference department and a rather extensive newspaper clipping file. From these sources we are, at times, able to offer assistance to authors, students, and others. If at any time you have need for such material as you think we might have, we will be happy to do what is possible.

Thank you for your recent article on the Negro market from Printers' Ink. We have frequent requests for information of this type. We would appreciate copies of any similar work which you might do in the future.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

October 31, 1957

Miss Dorothy Height
Young Womens' Christian Association
600 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Miss Height:

Harold Fleming has asked me to forward material from the SRC research files to you, for your use in the preparation of a publication concerning the recent happenings in Little Rock - the role and the significance this highly publicized situation has in the movement toward a desegregated society.

I am enclosing a number of copies of clippings and research data which may be of use to you. Most of the material concerns the present status of desegregation in the South. The one page "Indices to Progress of the Negro in the South" is a brief addendum to "Integration, North and South" (1956). Unfortunately, all areas of progress are not covered; some gains not included in the "Indices" are being made in the area of employment; civic and religious organizations are more frequently supporting implementation of the school decision (or, at least, condemning violence); more subtle changes such as in newspaper handling of news involving Negroes and in department stores' treatment of Negro customers are discernable. Copies of an article entitled "South's Attitude Toward Desegregation of Schools in Slowly Changing" and a report on the extent of integrated school situations as of October, 1957, are enclosed. You will also find SRC Special Reports on desegregation in higher education and statements of religious bodies supporting the Supreme Court decision.

In Little Rock itself, of course, there have been many examples of courageous and positive action and reaction. Clippings are enclosed covering statements of several religious organizations, the resolution of a group of business

and civil leaders to uphold enforcement of law, Winthrop Rockefeller's plea for support of law and order, the observance of special "reconciliation" services in 85 churches and synagogues. Editorials from both the Arkansas Gazette and Democrat are also enclosed. One article (which you probably saw in the New York Times, October 20, 1957) reports on a student panel discussion which resulted in support of integration by the participants (all students at Central High).

Several articles are enclosed which attempt to evaluate the effect the Little Rock crisis will have on Southwide implementation of the desegregation decision. A clipping which you may find of particular interest is the Christian Science Monitor report of the treatment the West German press has given to the Little Rock story.

I hope this information will be of some help to you. Mr. Fleming is out of town and has had no chance to check the enclosures; it's quite possible that you and he discussed further angles which I have not covered in this packet of clippings. Please do not hesitate to write if we may be of further or more specific assistance.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bl

Enclosures

November 1, 1957

Mr. Egbert M. Hayes
816 West Orange Drive
Whittier, California

Dear Mr. Hayes:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of October 28th concerning our publication, New South. We do appreciate your comments, and have entered your subscription. We are also sending you several back issues which you might find interesting.

Again, thank you for your kind letter.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fc

November 1, 1957

Miss Ilse Bialek
23 Wildeshausen
Zuschlagweg 70, Germany

Dear Miss Bialek:

Thank you for your letter of October 4th. Enclosed is a copy of the Durham statement which you asked about. ~~Yes,~~

Yes, I am a Southerner, originally from North Carolina. I have lived in Georgia for about seven years.

As to your other questions, No, it is not only "the mob" who is against integration but many other people speak against this also. The majority of the Southerners who favor continued segregation, however, are against violence in attempt to retain segregation through legal means.

As to the Federal troups in Little Rock, I think it was the only thing to do in the situation. A survey has indicated that most Americans believe the same way. I do think, however, that if the Federal Government had taken more positive steps at an earlier date, the Little Rock school would have been desegregated without the violence that resulted.

Under separate cover, I am mailing you some more material from the Council which I hope will be of use to you. Our next issue of New South will contain some pertinent material on Little Rock, and I shall mail you a copy of that as soon as it is available.

Again, thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fc
Encl.

M E M O R A N D U M

November 1, 1957

To: H. C. F.

From: Paul Anthony

C. H. was contacted by phone as requested. He knew of of the annual meeting and is planning to attend. He did not know of the interagency meeting, but cannot come since it would mean being away from his classes on the same days (Tuesday and Wednesday) for two weeks.

We discussed the declination of Dr. Davidson. Over the past weekend, Dr. Davidson discussed the appointment with a number of people including the Governor of North Carolina. From all quarters, he was given a free hand to make his own decision. Final decision was based on the belief that his work with the Southern Education Board would be seriously impaired if he so closely identified himself with SRC and its policies. The same thinking concerned membership on the Board. Davidson emphasized to C. H. his sympathy with SRC and its aims, his sincere regret, and his appreciation for being approached. Davidson again emphasized the desirability of having Carmichael and similar persons on the Board. This information C. H. related to Mr. Wright late Monday.

Mr. Wright called and spoke to Ruth. He asked that you be informed of:

(1) Mr. Dabbs has been approached and is agreeable.

(2) Mr. Wright is pleased with the outcome.

(3) Mr. Wright is to arrive here on the evening of the 11th (Monday). He has a reservation at the Piedmont

for that night and is meeting with a small group of friends for dinner and discussion. He hopes you will be able to join them for some portion of the evening.

-END-

November 1, 1957

Mr. David Konnce
Sunday Editorial Department
THE EVENING STAR-THE SUNDAY STAR
Washington 4, D. C.

Dear Mr. Koonce:

In response to your letter dated October 28th we are sending you a copy of our recent report, The Negro Voter and the South. In view of your interest in our work there is no charge for this publication.

If we can be of further assistance to you, please call on us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure: 1

November 1, 1957

Mr. Wilton Dillon
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Dillon:

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to Dr. Patterson and the Fund.

My thanks for literature and interest is to you also.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/mf

November 1, 1957

Dr. F. D. Patterson, Director
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Patterson:

It is out of a heart full of gratitude to you and the Phelps-Stokes Fund that I write this letter of thanks for the gift that made it possible for us to have the workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned - "Southern women concerned about their South." Tuesday and Wednesday of this week I told them from whence the money came, and they asked me to express their deep gratitude to the Fund.

They came - the state and regional church women leaders - from Virginia, the Carolinas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. Four of these were labor organizers.

The theme of the workshop was: "The Challenge of Controversy." The participants defined "challenge" as "dangerous opportunity," but all through they held a vision of the glory of the trust God had put in them to accept the challenge of the controversies we face.

The leaders of our workshop groups were: Mrs. Charles Johnson, Mr. Will D. Campbell, from the National Council of Churches; and Mr. Arthur Levin from the Anti-Defamation League.

Miss Thelma Stevens and Miss Esther Stamats, whom you know, were with us. Mrs. Ruby Hurley did a good job of interpreting the N.A.A.C.P.

We will send you a copy of the gleanings in a few days.

Many of us felt that this workshop was one of our most worthwhile ones. Dr. Faulkner was with us and did much to strengthen us for the task we have ahead of us.

There is a temptation to make this letter longer than you have the time to read it. However, I do want to tell you this. One of our women of the Jewish faith, in reporting for her workshop group began by saying, "I know now what you mean by "being Christian," for now I have met Christian women, brave women who live their beliefs."

Thank you very much for the material you sent to us. This was placed in the packets which were distributed to the participants. These women were most appreciative of "Report 37, Psychiatric Aspects of School Desegregation."

We are asking the Phelps-Stokes Fund again to grant us $2,000, for the Kingdom of God has not yet come in our South. Mr. Harold Fleming, the executive director of the Southern Regional Council is making the application. We hope the request will be granted.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/mf

November 1, 1957

Mr. Sydney Bailey
International Affairs Reports
c/o American Friends Service Committee
345 East Forty Sixth Street
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Sydney Bailey:

Thanks for putting me on the International Affairs Reports mailing list. You may wish to correct my name from "I. Via" to Emory Via. If this is already on an address plate, don't bother.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

November 1, 1957

Mr. Francis Hayes
2035 NW 7 Lane
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mr. Hayes:

I am sending under separate cover several pieces of material which may be useful to you in your interest in merit employment. Unfortunately these materials deal primarily with job opportunities and possibilities either in Federal employment or where there is a contract with the Federal Government.

You will perhaps find the material and experience of the American Friends Service Committee more useful for the kind of program you seem to have in mind. Their Job Opportunities Program in their High Point office might be of special interest. I would suggest that you ask for their pamphlet Merit Employment: Why and How and the leaflet Questions and Answers about Employment on Merit. Their addresses are:

Job Opportunity Program
American Friends Service Committee
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadephia 7, Pennsylvania

Job Opportunity Program
American Friends Service Committee
1818 S. Main Street
High Point, North Carolina

If you and your committee could look through these combined materials and make a tentative evaluation of what it is you think you can do in your community it would be wise for you to request from the Southern Regional Council consultative services on a merit employment program.

Mr. Francis Hayes November 1, 1957

You are aiming at a most important area of work, but it is one in which you should make use of all the available experience and professional help. We do have available in our panel of consultants persons of real ability and insight in this field. I wish you every good success in this endeavor and hope that you will soon be in touch with us for further aid.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

cc: John Hope II (Fisk University and Southern Regional Council)*
Frederick B. Routh (Assistant Director, Southern Regional Council)*

* See letterhead above.

Literature sent to Mr. Francis Hayes:

Development of Training Incentives for the Youth of Minority Groups
Prepared by the President's Committee on Government Contracts

Newsletter
of the President's Committee on Government Contracts

Human Relations in Federal Employment
President's Committee on Government Employment Policy

Some Questions and Answers on the Non-Discrimination Policy of the Federal Government

Seven Questions
Presidents Committee on Government Contracts

Third Annual Report on Equal Job Opportunity
President's Committee on Government Contracts

VIA AIR MAIL

November 1, 1957

Miss Dorothy E. Hampton
1530 Benneham Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Miss Hampton:

We are happy to know that you will be with us for the interagency meeting on the 5th and 6th.

Enclosed you will find copies of the two memos sent out to the interagency people. Dr. Long has received both of these, and we assume that you have been in touch with him concerning the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you on the 5th.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures: 2

November 1, 1957

Mr. Willis T. Spivey, Director
Community Service Foundation
125 Harbor Bluff Drive
Largo, Florida

Dear Mr. Spivey:

For several years the Community Service Foundation has given to the Southern Regional Council an annual contribution of $100. The funds have been a substantial help to us. No less important, however, is the vote of confidence for our work and aims from fellow Southerners of good will.

At this crucial point, when emotions are fed by intemperate and irresponsible leadership, we feel there is more need than ever for our program. We continue to bring together constructive leaders of the two races and three faiths to seek ways of practicing and demonstrating broader democracy.

Dr. Mitchell, as you know, now resides in Scotland where he is enjoying a well deserved retirement. We continue the work which he so ably directed. Accordingly, we earnestly hope you will feel that we merit your support again this year.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 1, 1957

Dr. F. D. Patterson, Director
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Patterson:

I am writing you to request the Phelps-Stokes Fund's consideration of aid for the coming year to the Council's program of women's work directed by Mrs. Tilly.

Last year's grant of $2,000 was an invaluable contribution to this modestly financed, but profoundly important effort. I write you with special earnestness and enthusiasm, since a highly successful region-wide conference of women leaders has just been held. Agency leaders who took part have confirmed our own feeling that this was by far the most successful occasion of its kind to date and that its results will be felt in communities throughout the South. I only wish that it had been possible for you, Mr. Dillon, or other of your associates to be present.

I will not attempt to give you a detailed account of that meeting and of the other activities, directed by Mrs. Tilly, which the Phelps-Stokes Fund's generosity has helped make possible. As you know, no one can convey as well as Mrs. Tilly herself the meaning and flavor of her work; she is writing you separately. Also, as soon as the proceedings of the conference just held are ready, they will be sent to you.

The task for the year ahead is much the same in nature as it has been in the past - namely, to follow-up the planning and resolve of the region-wide conference with assemblies of leadership state by state, and in some cases community by community. I should only like to point out that this program designated "women's work" is far greater in its out-reach than this label would suggest. Many of the ministers and other church leaders are directly involved in these activities. Others are reached by the participating women through their churches and other organizations, religious and civic. And not less important the participants, as parents and grandparents as well as church women, are important influences in shaping the attitudes of the children.

If further information is needed to supplement that which Mrs. Tilly is sending you, please call upon me. Meanwhile, to you and other board members of the Phelps-Stokes Fund, the Council expresses its deep appreciation for past support and our earnest hope that the Fund will find it possible to continue that support for the critical period that lies ahead.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 4, 1957

Mr. Claude A. Barnett
Director
The Associated Negro Press, Inc.
3531 South Parkway
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Mr. Barnett:

Thank you for sharing Hallock Hoffman's letter with me. Hallock is quite right that the Fund has contributed generously in recent years to SRC and its twelve affiliated state councils. But I am afraid he is mistaken about the SRC requesting a terminal grant; that was a decision of the Fund itself. Of course, there is no point in disputing the issue.

In any case, your letter was a very helpful note of commendation. Again, my appreciation and warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 4, 1957

Mr. Irving Breakstone
Past Commander
The American Legion
140 N. Dearborn Street
Chicago 2, Illinois

Dear Mr. Breakstone:

I am returning with sincere thanks the directory which you let us use. I hope we haven't inconvenienced you by keeping it this long.

We continue to appreciate your constructive influence within The Legion and otherwise, and your interest in setting the record straight with respect to the Southern Regional Council.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure: 1 - Directory of National Officers, 1956-57

November 4, 1957

Mrs. Tommie B. Stroud
2524 Old Oaks Drive
Waco, Texas

Dear Mrs. Stroud:

We are happy to know that you will be with us for the annual meeting. As you requested, we have arranged a reservation for you for the night of the 12th at the Atlanta University dormitory.

As to the matter of transportation, we will be happy to be of any possible service during your stay in Atlanta. On arrival, I believe you will find it most convenient to take a taxi directly to Atlanta University or to this office.

We look forward to seeing you on the 12th.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

November 4, 1957

Mrs. J. N. Rayzor
3207 Groveland Lane
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Rayzor:

We are happy to know that you will be with us for the annual meeting. We have arranged overnight accommodations for you at the Atlanta University dormitory for the night of the 12th. This, I believe, will be more convenient for you than a downtown hotel.

We look forward to seeing you on the 12th.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

November 4, 1957

Dr. E. A. McDowell
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Wake Forest, North Carolina

Dear Dr. McDowell:

We are happy to know that you will be with us for the annual meeting.

As you requested, we have made a reservation for you at the Piedmont Hotel for the night of the 12th.

We look forward to seeing you on that date.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

November 4, 1957

Mr. John Thompson
Executive Secretary
The Farfield Foundation
37 West 57th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Thompson:

It was very kind of you to see me on short notice when I was in New York week before last. I'm taking advantage of your willingness to have a letter from me describing our work with foreign visitors, present and prospective, and listing some of the recent visitors we have had.

The Southern Regional Council has received an increasing flow of foreign visitors during the past several years, particularly since the Supreme Court's decision on school segregation in May of 1954. This was only natural in view of the attention, at home and abroad, focused on Southern race relations in the wake of the decision. Visitors from Asia and Africa have had a particularly acute interest in the way in which the United States is measuring up to its democratic principles at home. They as well as Europeans have wanted to visit the South, where the redefinition of the Negro's status has had the greatest impact.

In planning the itineraries of these visitors, the State Department, the Governmental Affairs Institute, and similar public and private agencies have looked to the Southern Regional Council as an information center and clearing house for these visitors travelling through the region. The Council has unique advantages in this respect. As a body of white and Negro Southerners working together for progress in race relations, it affords a unique example

of positive interracial effort in the South.

The Council's professional staff is equipped to give emissaries from other lands a detailed and balanced picture of developments within the South, the historical background against which they must be seen, and future prospects. The Council's reference files, maps, publications, and other materials provide as much documentation as a visitor may wish -- and often that is a great deal. The fact that the Council has affiliated interracial organizations in the various Southern states makes it possible to refer visitors to informed and sympathetic persons in whatever part of the region they may wish to visit.

On their return home, not only the newspapermen but often those of other professions write up their observations and reactions for publication in newspapers and magazines. Thus their findings and opinions may influence the views of many thousands of their fellow countrymen. We have been gratified by the fact that many of them communicate with the Council after they leave this country. We have had from many of them requests for more information on specific aspects of Southern race relations.

In order that the diversity and range of foreign visitors may be clearly seen, we are attaching a list of those received since January 1, 1957. It may be noted how many of these individuals are influential leaders and opinion makers in their native countries. They include government officials, newspaper editors, labor leaders, and businessmen.

Also attached is a recent report of the various program activities which the Council carries on. These, particularly the information functions, are the underpinning of the foreign visitor program. Through them, we are able to provide the information that is so eargerly sought, and also to demonstrate the constructive efforts and developments which get such regrettably small play in the international press.

In carrying on this activity, we face a serious dilemma. We feel very keenly the importance of giving foreign visitors a mature and balanced experience in the South. At the same time, other demands within the Council have greatly increased as the strains of racial tension and controversy have grown. The problem is how to give the proper amount of time and professional attention to the servicing of foreign visitors without unduly diverting from the program activities of the organisation. To this end, we should like to request of the Farfield Foundation a grant of $5,000 for the year 1958. A grant in this amount would enable us to do the following:

(1) Through being at least partially compensated for the professional staff time involved, we can in good conscience give

more of our time and effort to the scheduling and briefing of foreign visitors.

(2) We would be able to draw on knowledgeable persons in the community who could assist with hospitality, transportation, and introduction to community institutions. These persons would give their time without charge, but need compensation for legitimate expenses incurred.

(3) In addition to supplying visitors with materials while they are here, we should be able to institute follow-up mailings periodically to the list of influential foreigners who have visited the South. For example, material giving proper interpretation to the Little Rock developments could do much to off-set the negative publicity this episode has received throughout the world. Further such episodes, unfortunately, are bound to take place. Here is a chance, through private rather than governmental channels, to build understanding among opinion makers in other countries. The fact that the Southern Regional Council is made up of Southerners of both races would give such information and interpretation a unique value.

I greatly appreciate your interest and earnestly hope that the Farfield Foundation will feel that this effort to increase international good will is worthy of its support. I shall look forward eagerly to hearing from you.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures. List of foreign visitors since January 1, 1957
Selection of Letters concerning Foreign Visitor Program
South of Promise

November 4, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I will arrive by Delta Airlines at the ungodly hour of 8.20 am on Thursday, the 7th. Unfortunately I cannot stay overnight, but must return Thursday evening to Atlanta. I will be glad to set aside the afternoon to confer with all and sundry.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

November 4, 1957

Mr. Harry L. Golden
Editor
The Carolina Israelite
P. O. Box 2505
Charlotte 1, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Golden:

We regret that you cannot be with us for the annual meeting. However, we will look forward to seeing you on the 22nd.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

November 4, 1957

Mr. John G. Field
Executive Director
Fair Employment Practices Commission
900 Cadillac Square Building
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear John:

It was good to be with the Michigan FEPCers at Haven Hill. I found the group to be stimulating and alert. You have, I believe, a first class staff. I just hope that you feel my participation in the conference was worth the expenses involved for your organization.

Enclosed is a listing of my expenses. You will note that Charlie Livermore and the NY-SCAD are taking care of my transportation from Detroit to New York and from New York to Atlanta. You will also note that while there is a rather steep taxi bill levied against you there is no hotel bill. I stayed with my brother, thus saving the hotel bill, but then found it impossible to get free transportation up to the big city.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.

FBR:fcl

P.S. See you in Kansas City.

Michigan FEPC - Expense account of Frederick B. Routh
Monday-Tuesday, October 28th-29th 1957

Transportation:		
Plane fare to Detroit	$41.31*	
Limousine: 2 in Atlanta and 1 in Detroit	4.00	
Taxi - Wyandotte to Detroit	4.25	
	$49.56	$49.56
Meals:		
Breakfast	$1.25	
Lunch	2.00	
	$3.25	3.25
Phone:	.75	.75
Tips:	1.10	1.10
		$54.66

* Note: NY-SCAD paid Detroit-New York-Atlanta plane fare.

November 4, 1957

Miss Jean W. Scherr
Technical Service Librarian
Ball State Teachers College
Muncie, Indiana

Dear Miss Scherr:

No we do not have the title, "A Factbook on Higher Education in the South" in our list of publications.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

November 4, 1957

Miss Mary Frances Dicorte
2107 Sabine, Apartment "C"
Austin, Texas

Dear Miss Dicorte:

In answer to your letter of October 25th, we are forwarding under separate cover a copy of "Race in the News"; however, we must ask that you return this publication after it has served your purpose, since it is now out of print. We are also forwarding a booklet "Changing Patterns" (which you may keep); excerpts from and follow-ups to "Race in the News" are on pages 52-56. Other more general information contained in this booklet may also be of use to you.

Several articles concerning press coverage of the desegregation process have appeared in Editor and Publisher Magazine during 1956 and 1957.

We do not have material on the Little Rock situation prepared for release. National periodicals have given a great deal of play to the disturbances there, however, and I feel sure that your library will be the best source for research on this topic (See particularly "The Nation, New Republic, Reporter, Christian Century, New Leader).

Since you have indicated that your interest extends to other, more general areas of progress in desegregation, we are forwarding several additional Southern Regional Council publications. We hope that you will find these materials helpful.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bl

November 4, 1957

Mr. Carl Griffin
Alabama Labor Council, AFL-CIO
604 Lyric Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Carl:

Thanks so much for sending me the clips. They are herewith returned.

You have my best wishes in your new job with your international union. I feel certain you will give them distinguished service; however, I know that your talents will be missed by the Alabama Labor Council. I trust that we will continue to have opportunity to work together and that you will feel free to call on me whenever you think I can be of service to you.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosures.

EFV:fcl

November 4, 1957

Mr. C. M. Shaw, Director of Education
Louisiana State Labor Council, AFL-CIO
427 Ricou-Brewster Building
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Carol:

If Delta Airlines reached you you know that I left my top coat somewhere in Shreveport. I am sorry. Perhaps you have located it by now. My own guesses as to where it was were that I had either left it in the hotel room, at the Carpenter's Hall, or in Dan Powell's car. If you have located it and it is too much bother to mail it I could pick it up in Lake Charles this weekend.

The last institute did seem to be substantially better than the others even though they were quite good. I wish you continued good success in this ambitious but very important program.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

November 4, 1957

Mr. Henry Zon, Director of Research
Committee on Political Education
815 16th Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Henry:

It was good to see you even briefly in Washington last week. I am sending the ten copies of our voting study under separate cover.

Again let me remind you that we would welcome your comments on the usefulness of this particular study.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

November 4, 1957

Mr. Charles Livermore
State Commission Against Discrimination
270 Broadway, New York 7, N.Y.

Dear Charlie:

It was good to be with you and the SCADers at Arden House. You have, I believe, an excellent staff and group of Commissioners. I am, of course, always impressed with Charles Abrams.

I am enclosing herewith an accounting of my expenses and am returning the two forms for transportation which you sent me and I did not use. I did use the form for tax exemption at the hotel.

Althought the night flight to New York was a hectic one I believe the effort was worth while from my point of view to interpret to so strategic a group an objective picture of developments in the South. Please thank Sal for his friendly and willing efforts at transportation.

Warm regards to Charlie Abrams, John Sullivan, and yourself.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosures.

FRB:fcl

NY-SCAD Expense account of Frederick B. Routh
October 30th 1957

Transportation:		
Plane fare Detroit-New York-Atlanta	$71.55	
Limousine (2 - New York)	2.70	
Taxi	.90	
	$75.15	$75.15
Hotel: (including phone calls)	6.60	6.60
Meals:		
Breakfast	1.25	
Dinner	2.00	
	3.25	3.25
Tips:	2.55	2.55
		$87.55

M E M O R A N D U M

November 4, 1957

To: Harold C. Fleming

From: Frederick B. Routh

Since some questions have come up about my participation in the Labor Day Weekend Workshop at Highlander Folk School, I think it only proper to set the record straight.

I was invited to participate by Myles Horton, the Director of Highlander, who asked me to lead a workshop on "The Impact of Desegregation on Community Organizations". This group met twice for two hour sessions. I can assure you that those things which we discussed were all in the best of democratic tradition; that no totalitarian ideology - either Communist or Fascist - was mentioned, nor would it have been tolerated had it been raised.

I also attended the worship services on Sunday morning. Again, nothing out of keeping with democratic practices was said during the services. This was the extent of my participation for I had to be back in Atlanta Sunday evening. Wilton Dillon, of the Phelps Stokes Fund, and I drove back late Sunday afternoon.

Several items are important to remember about my participation:

1) I attended as an individual, not as a representative of SRC.

2) Highlander Folk School has not been listed as a subversive organization by either the Attorney General of the United States nor by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

3) My own record of loyalty to the United States and to democratic ideals is unimpeachable and my opposition to all forms of non-democratic practices is beyond question.

M E M O R A N D U M

November 4, 1957

To: Harold C. Fleming

From: Fred Routh

Re: Dallas

On October 11 and 12, C.H. Parrish and I went to Austin, Texas to talk with professional staff members of a variety of agencies.

Out of this meeting came agreement that Ed Kloppe should serve as the "secretariat" of an interagency effort in Dallas, Texas, which faces desegregation at mid-term, February 3rd.

Participating in the Lone Star State interagency cooperative effort will be the Texas ADL, Texas AFSC, Texas AJC, Texas Council AFL-CIO, Texas Council of Churches, Texas NAACP, and the Texas Council on Human Relations.

Tentative plans include a census of the Dallas constituency of the various agencies to determine members of the power structure. A quiet, off the record approach to these people with the following objectives in mind:

1) Get them to know each other and open lines of communication among them.

2) Involve them in working toward orderly compliance with the court decision by: a) group discussions so they understand the problem; b) joint visitation to the mayor and chief of police stressing "we don't want a Little Rock"; c) visit to the Governor "approving" of his statement re. use of troops to maintain order and not block desegregation.

I will be in Dallas, during our Confederate Conference on Desegregation, furthering these plans. Kloppe will spend several days a week in Dallas doing leg-work between now and February 3rd.

November 4, 1957

Mr. Herbert M. Davidson
Editor
Daytona Beach News-Journal
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Herbert:

We were glad to get your letter to Harold confirming our date with you and Lillian for the night of the 10th. We would be happy to meet you at your hotel and take you both out for dinner. Suppose we say we will call for you at 6.45 pm. This will give you a brief time to freshen up, but for pity's sake don't "grab a bite" before we see you.

We both send our best regards and look forward to seeing you the evening of the 10th for dinner.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

bc: Harold C. Fleming

November 5, 1957

Dr. J. McDowell Richards
President
Columbia Theological Seminary
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Dr. Richards:

Many thanks for your letter of October 21.

While we missed your wise counsel at the meeting of the Nominating Committee, no apologies are necessary. I know all too well what the bulk of correspondence, combined with the effect of much travel, can do. The meeting went very well, and the committee agreed upon a list of proposed nominees that I think will greatly strengthen our board. I would have sent you a list before now, except that we have been engaged in sounding out as many of the proposed nominees as possible before the meeting and I have hesitated to compile a list until that screening process has been completed as far as we are able. I do hope that it will be possible for you to attend the annual meeting of the Council next week beginning Tuesday at 1:30 P. M. in the Board Room of Atlanta University.

May I take this occasion to say a word of admiration and appreciation for the recent statement of Atlanta ministers in which you joined as a signer. I really think that this was one of the most constructive pronouncements yet to come from the religious leadership of the South.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 5, 1957

Miss Clarita McClain
Box 256
Gardiner, Oregon

Dear Miss McClain:

Thank you for your letter of October 28th. Unfortunately, "Understanding Our Neighbors" is out of print; however, we are forwarding under separate cover several other publications which will probably be of help to you.

Please do not hesitate to write if we may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bl

November 5, 1957

Mr. Frank Loescher
414 South 46th Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

Your several recent notes are deeply appreciated. I am embarrassed that so much travel has prevented me from writing you sooner.

Let me say, first of all, how much I enjoyed and appreciated all you did for me in Philadelphia. My warm thanks to you and your nice wife. Tell her that I kicked myself when I realised on the train that I had left the plastic dinosaur behind. However, I did make a good haul at the Museum of Natural History, emerging with all manner of horrible metal replicas.

The New York trip was, I think, fruitful, and I will be writing you more about the results as matters progress. My problem at the moment is to get all the follow-up done. I have so far only written to Thompson of the Farfield Foundation about the possibility of their giving us $5,000 for the foreign visitor program, and I am getting off a lot of background dope about our finances and program to the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, as requested; we are to put in an application to them within a few weeks. In the works are follow-up letters or requests to the New York Foundation, The Schiff Foundation, The Rosenthal Foundation, Ittleson, the several foundations that you and I agreed I should write exploratorily, and the latest two possibilities you have written me about. I am still awaiting word from Dave Freeman

about the outcome of his negotiations with the family members of Norman Fund. Marion Wright was to explore the possibilities of aid from Chace with Mr. Evans last week, and I will discuss this with Marion Wright at our annual meeting next week. Many thanks for passing along the name of the West Coast foundation and also for putting in a good word with Edwin Wolf. I will be following up on both possibilities shortly. Many thanks too for speaking to Mrs. Freedman on our behalf. I take it that I am to write her within the next few days expressing the hope that a request from us might be considered at their next board meeting.

You have certainly done a magnificent job of turning up the leads for us and paving the way for direct approaches. Thanks to you, we have got more fund-raising efforts underway by far than ever before in the history of SRC. I am sure that they will bear good fruit.

Warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Max Hahn which is self explanatory. We will certainly have a request in whenever they do meet again.

November 5, 1957

Mr. Montgomery Bradley
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Bradley:

I was very glad to have had the opportunity to discuss with you and Dr. Meserve the work of the Southern Regional Council and to talk briefly with Mr. Creel and Mr. Allen.

Enclosed is the background material on the Council which I promised to send. The items enclosed, with a word of explanation about each, are as follows:

1. List of Board Members. As I believe I explained, our board will be replenished in a major way at the annual meeting next week, since representatives of the state groups automatically terminated on October 1st. Therefore, the enclosed list is temporarily incomplete, showing only those members whose continuance on the board for the next year or more is certain. Some thirty odd additional members will be elected next week, and once their acceptances are received I shall send you a revised and complete list.

2. Budgets. Enclosed are copies of the actual budget for 1957 and the proposed budget for 1958. You will note that the proposed budget for next year shows, by source, the income considered expectable and the remaining amount that must be raised from other sources if the budget is to be effectively carried out.

3. Contributors for 1954 Through 1957. This shows, by category, the sources of the Council's income for these years.

Although some of the amounts contributed are trifling, particularly in the case of the churches, I thought it well to include them. Many of these groups have very small budgets themselves, and the fact that they contribute at all is a tangible indication of their support of the Council's aims and activities.

4. Program. Of course, it is possible to supply an endless amount of detail on program activities. With a view to keeping this brief, I am enclosing only two documents - the general description entitled: "The South of Promise" and our most recently prepared report, covering the first half of 1957. We will shortly have an annual report ready, at which time I shall send you a copy.

Also enclosed as of general relevance are an organizational chart and a copy of the Council's letter of tax exemption.

I recall that you inquired particularly about the amount of financial support secured within the South. As you will see from the schedule of contributions, little of the Council's financial support comes from purely Southern sources. One reason for this is the fact that our related state councils on human relations must depend heavily on the money they can raise within their respective states, and we have been at pains not to compete with them for those funds. Therefore, any accounting of money raised for this movement within the South should take notice of the amounts raised by the state groups. During fiscal 1954-55, they raised approximately $24,000; during 1955-56, $37,000; during 1956-57, approximately $55,000. All of these funds, with possibly a few negligible exceptions, were raised within the Southern states. During the coming fiscal year, the state organizations have undertaken to raise somewhat more than $70,000.

We expect to submit a request to the Rockefeller Brothers Fund by no later than mid-December. Meanwhile, if I can usefully furnish further background material of any kind, please let me know.

With best regards to you and your associates,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures.

November 6, 1957

Mr. Arnold Aronson
~~National Community Relations Advisory Council~~ Consultative Conf. on Desegregation
Room 801
9 East 38th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Aronson:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, one hundred copies of the pamphlet The Negro Voter in the South. A single copy of this pamphlet is twenty-five cents as listed on the back. Orders of fifty or more may be filled for twenty cents per copy.

If possible we would appreciate a list of persons to whom this pamphlet is mailed.

With very best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

November 6, 1957

Mr. Emanual Muravchik
Jewish Labor Committee
25 East 78th Street
New York 21, N.Y.

Dear Manny:

My letter regarding Pittman of the Illinois Commission on Human Relations was intended to seek clearance for sending the survey instruments used in the JLC survey. By this, of course, I only meant to send him the blank copies of each of the instruments used. Pittman does not know that the question of his receiving the tabulations is even being considered. I spoke briefly with Ben the other day regarding this situation and he saw no obstacle to sending the blank survey instruments and such reports as you were ready to release. Certainly we would not be interested in sending the filled in questionnaires. There is nothing in the Mort Elder report that would be of use to Pittman.

Although the tabulations might be sent to Pittman on a confidential basis this is certainly a matter which we would need to think through and give proper clearance to. If you feel no further reluctance regarding the blank forms, I think it would be good to send copies of them to Pittman. Shall I leave this for you to do or would you like for me to send the spare copies which I still have in my possession?

Thanks for your answer to my letter and I am sure that Pittman will welcome your own report.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

cc: Ben Segal

November 6, 1957

Mr. D. Lidderdale
c/o Mrs. Grace Belt
Room 1424, 250 West 57th Street
New York 19, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Lidderdale:

Your package has been sent on to you. I am so sorry to have missed you on Tuesday morning. There were many things interfering with my getting to the office at 9 o'clock and my phone call must have missed you by a matter of a couple of minutes.

It was good to have had you with us and we are only sorry that your stay was so short.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

November 7, 1957

Mr. D. G. Redmond, Editor
Events Publishing Company, Inc.
108-10 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Redmond:

Please send us a copy of the May 1957 issue of Current History. Please bill us for cost.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

November 7, 1957

Commission on Social Action
838 Fifth Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Sir:

Please send us a copy of the "Fact Sheet on Koinonia" as listed in the Social Action Review, Vol. 5, No. 1, Oct-Nov., 1957.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

November 7, 1957

Mr. Ed Cony
Wall Street Journal
Burnett Building
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Ed:

Thank you very much for the recent clippings you sent me.

I thought the Tuskegee story excellently done and so did Harold. He asked that I send along his appreciation for mention of the Council, and for the general positive elements in the article.

I do hope I will see you soon here in Atlanta as you indicated in your last telephone call. Please do not hesitate to call on us whenever we can possibly be of help.

Again thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

November 7, 1957

Mr. C. M. Shaw, Director
Department of Education
Louisiana State Labor Council, AFL-CIO
427 Ricou-Brewster Building
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Brother Shaw:

Here is my expense statement for the Shreveport meeting.

I will be in Lake Charles Saturday evening. Thanks for making the reservations.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

November 7, 1957

Emory F. Via: expenses for trip to Shreveport, Louisiana, for Louisiana State Labor Council educational institute meeting, November 2, 1957.

Air plane ticket	$78.65
Meals	1.50
Ground transport	5.00
Hotel	5.61
	$90.76

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Emory F. Via.

November 7, 1957

Mr. Charles Shaw
President
Watchtower Life Insurance Company
2206 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

This is to acknowledge with warm appreciation your recent letters and the contributions to the Southern Regional Council which you forwarded. We are delighted that you found it possible after all to attend the annual meeting and are looking forward to seeing you next week.

I am enclosing our official acknowledgment for your own contribution and that of Mrs. Robinson, of whose address we are not certain. We have sent one directly to Dr. Ford, whose address we have.

With appreciation and good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures: Official receipts

November 7, 1957

Miss Mary Stewart French, Chief
Voluntary Leader Programs Branch
Special Projects Division
International Educational Exchange Service
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss French:

This is to acknowledge your letter of November 5th informing us of the impending visit to Atlanta of Mr. Willy Zeller. We will be happy to do whatever we can to assist Mr. Zeller during his stay in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 7, 1957

Mr. Jack Neher
Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry
1790 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Neher:

We are familiar with Psychiatric Aspects of School Desegregation and think very highly of it. We have distributed copies of it to some of our key people, perhaps 200 in all, and I am afraid that our budget will not permit us to buy copies for further distribution, much as we might like to do so.

I have shared your letter with John Constable, our director of information, who edits our monthly publication New South. He has agreed to run a review of the booklet in an early issue. This would serve pretty well to call the report and its availability to the attention of our constituency.

We are interested in seeing that the report gets as wide a readership as possible and if further ideas occur to me I will pass them on to you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 7, 1957

Mr. Robert L. Reynolds
136-41 - 68th Drive
Flushing 67, New York

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

I have been to New York since I wrote you last, but my time was so limited that we probably lost little opportunity to get together.

I don't know how much I can help in pinning down the generalization about unevenness of performance over the region. But I am very much interested in your ~~suggestion~~ subject and would welcome a chance to talk with you about it. The likelihood is that I will be in New York again within a reasonable period, and I shall certainly be in touch with you then.

Meanwhile, If there is a heavy time factor and you want to put some specific questions to me, I will do my best to answer by mail. But I do think that a conversation is more likely to be helpful.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 7, 1957

Dr. Oakley C. Johnson
75 West 89th Street
New York 24, New York

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Thank you for sending me the clipping from the letter column of the New York Times recently.

In this connection, I thought you would be interested in the enclosed statement just issued by eighty Atlanta ministers last Sunday. The statement has had a very good reception in Georgia and will be widely distributed in the South in the hope that others may be inspired by this example to do likewise. It seems to me that this is grist to the mill of the USIA.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure. 1

Article from: Atl. Constitution & Journal
Sunday, Nov. 3, 1957 - re: Text of Ministers' Racial Statement

November 7, 1957

Miss Iona S. Henry
Associate Secretary
Department of Work in Home Fields
Woman's Division of Christian Service of the
Board of Missions of The Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Henry:

Your letter of the 4th has been referred to me since Dr. Mitchell has retired and is now living in Scotland.

We have given your inquiry considerable thought since we are well aware of the excellent work done by Mather Academy. Unfortunately, we are unable to turn up any likely applicants for the positions you describe. We have taken the liberty of making your request known to Mrs. Alice Spearman, Director, South Carolina Council on Human Relations. If Mrs. Spearman knows of any suitable persons, I am sure you will hear from her.

As one possible thought, Mrs. M. E. Tilly of this office has suggested that you might find suitable persons among your own retired workers who have just now reached retirement. At times in the past, we have known and worked with a number of excellently qualified and dedicated persons from the Board of Missions who were retired but still active and anxious to continue being of service.

I regret that we cannot offer more to your request. Certainly, Mather Academy deserves the best in support

for the splendid work it is doing.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
cc: Mrs. Alice Spearman

November 7, 1957

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Enclosed are copies of letters from and to The Board of Missions of the Methodist Church; each self explanatory. It occurs to me that you might possibly know of someone who would enjoy this opportunity. I understand the salaries paid by Mather Academy are quite small here, for this and other obvious reasons, these are rightfully missionary posts.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures:

November 7, 1957

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

My dear Rabbi Mantinband:

It is distressing to me to realize that you have not been getting our publications.

I am sending you separately several copies of the recent report on The Negro Voter in the South and I am seeing to it that your name is reinstated on the New South mailing list. Certainly we consider you one of SRC's most faithful and appreciated constituents. We are about to have an annual meeting at which new board members will be elected, and I hope that our relationship will then be renewed, formally as well as informally.

The Mississippi representation on our board at present is Bishop Brunini, Dr. Reddix, and Hodding Carter. Both Bishop Brunini and Mr. Carter have signified that they will not be able to attend, and we have had no word from Dr. Reddix.

We are very much conscience of the smear sheet being distributed by the Georgia Education Commission. We have taken various steps to counteract the false charges against SRC contained in it, and will take more depending on the use that is made of the sheet. Otherwise, we have felt that the job of defending Highlander must be done by Myles Horton and his board. In case you haven't seen it, enclosed is Horton's statement which I understand has been widely distributed to

newspaper editors and other appropriate persons.

With warm regards to you and Mrs. Mantinband from all of us here.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure.

Encl. Ltr. from Max Hahn dtd Oct. 30, 195

November 8, 1957

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Director
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

I am glad that my letter in praise of Penn struck you as useful and arrived at so timely a moment.

I hope you had your tongue in cheek when you spoke of my great fund-raising abilities and of our non-existent consultant in fund-raising. I do know about the Field Foundation. In fact, I have just had a letter from Max Hahn, the executive director, a confidential copy of which I am enclosing. As you will see, the prospect of early assistant from Field is nil.

The directory of foundations, titled: American Foundations and Their Fields, Seventh Edition by Wilmer Shields Rich, can be secured, I believe, from The American Foundations Information Service, 860 Broadway, New York 3. I don't recall the price, but it is fairly expensive. However, I am in the same stage you are - namely, exploring all possibilities, and I find the Rich book extremely useful in singling out foundations to shoot at.

All the best to you and Lib.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure.

November 8, 1957

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rufus:

Here for your consideration is a draft of the Executive Committee's report to the annual meeting. Of course, it should be revised or supplemented in any way that you consider proper. I am sorry that the press of events didn't permit me to get this done sooner, but I trust you will have a chance to review it before Tuesday.

If there is time for you to get it back to us for a retyping, embodying our changes and yours, we should be happy to do so.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

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The year that has elapsed since we met last November at Williamsburg, Virginia has been one of the most eventful in the Southern Regional Council's fourteen years of existence. At our last annual meeting, we made policy decisions of profound significance to the future of the Southern Regional Council. We regretfully accepted the retirement of Dr. George S. Mitchell as of mid-January 1957 and chose as his successor to the position of executive director Harold Fleming of the Council's staff. We also adopted a comprehensive policy statement calling for major re-direction of the Council's program and for a new pattern of relationship with the state councils on human relations, which were to become independent organizations as of October 1, 1957. We recognized that the very continuation of the Southern Regional Council depended on the negotiation of a new period of support from the Fund for the Republic and the securing of sizeable additional funds from new sources. Finally, we recognized that the critical stage in the South's transition to a desegregated society made it mandatory that the Council not only continue its efforts but broaden and intensify them as much as humanly possible.

Your Executive Committee has addressed itself to the carrying out of these mandates of the last annual meeting during the year just past. We have held three two-day meetings, one in January, one in April, and one in July. The matters considered and acted upon in these meetings may be briefly summed up under five major headings, as follows:

1. Staff Reorganization and Re-direction of Program. In close consultation with the executive director and the staff, we adopted a staff structure and plan of activities suited to the new policies adopted at the Williamsburg meeting. Three major areas of operation were defined, with the responsibilities of the various professional staff members fixed, under the overall administration of the executive director. The first was field services, under the general supervision of the assistant director, Fred Routh, and including the work of the Consultant Service Program superintended by Chief Consultant John Hope II, the labor consultant Emory F. Via, women's work, Mrs. M. E. Tilly, and the associate for program development, Dr. C. H. Parrish. A second area of operation embraces the information functions, under the supervision of Director of Information John Constable, including the editing of New South and other publications, fact-finding programs, relations with the press and other media, and the work of the research assistant, Miss Marge Manderson. The third area includes all administrative functions carried on by the Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Ruth Alexander, and the ~~newly appointed~~ Administrative Assistant, Paul Anthony. Undergirding all of these operations is the clerical staff of five. Since the plan of organization was adopted, the staff has been augmented by an intern in field services, Mr. Machion Garrison, a recent graduate of Morehouse College. Moreover, the Executive Committee reviewed in detail and approved a redefinition of program activities, staff functions and salaries, in order to facilitate the kind of operation called for by the last annual meeting.

2. Finances. The Executive Committee undertook to counsel and assist the staff in a major fund-raising effort both to meet urgent

immediate needs and to make possible increased program activities over the next three years. Our budget for this period is still far from assured. But your Executive Committee can report an encouraging degree of progress toward the goal. On May 17, 1957, the Fund for the Republic granted to the Council $200,000 for use during the 39-month period between October 1, 1957 and December 31, 1960. A program of investment was carefully worked out to make possible maximum earnings on unused funds over this period. The Fund for the Republic grant was not earmarked for specific purposes as in the past, but was given for the general support of the Council. In order to meet current budgetary needs, an additional amount of approximately $70,000 was raised, a large part of it representing contributions from new sources. It should be noted that, during the financially critical months early in the year, the Council's budget was strengthened by contributions to the George S. Mitchell Tribute Fund, established in honor of our retired executive director.

Lest this report of heartening achievement in the financial area give rise to an unjustified complacency, the Executive Committee has reminded itself and would like to remind the Council as a whole of the large task that still lies ahead of us. In order to carry on the Council's work at its present level through 1960, we must still raise additional funds of approximately $400,000.

3. State Organizations. At the last annual meeting, it was decided that the affiliated state councils on human relations would as of October 1, 1957 become independent organizations. This date marked the end of the subsidy period provided for in the earlier grants from the Fund for the Republic. It was also decided at Williamsburg, however, that the Council should continue to work as closely and cooperatively as possible

with the state organizations and that our purpose would be to secure further funds for aid to the state councils. At its July meeting, the Executive Committee considered in detail requests for such aid submitted by the several state councils and approved a schedule of aid to the state groups totaling $40,500. This amount was not dispensed according to any automatic formula for equal division, but in the light of the requests submitted was allocated in terms of need and merit as we could best determine them. The amounts of aid approved by the Executive Committee are as follows:

State	Amount ~~Received~~ ALLOCATED
Alabama	$4,000
Arkansas	4,500
Florida	4,000
Georgia	4,000
Kentucky	3,000
North Carolina	4,000
South Carolina	5,000
Tennessee	3,000
Texas	2,500
Virginia	4,000

Louisiana - The Louisiana ~~State~~ Council on Human Relations did not submit a request for aid beyond October 1, 1957. However, staff members have conferred with various board members of the Southern Regional Council and the Louisiana Council who expressed the view that the Louisiana Council might best be allowed to go out of existence and, after a few months, a new effort ~~begun~~ should begin in the New Orleans area. $2,500 has ~~been~~ been set aside for aid in this contingency.

The staff continues to maintain close communication and cooperation with the state organizations, and all of the supporting services that the Atlanta office can render are available to them.

4. Attacks. Extreme reactions to the Supreme Court's school desegregation decision have created a climate of emotionalism and reprisal in parts of the region, particularly in the deep South. In such a climate, it must be expected that an organization like the Southern Regional Council will be subjected to irresponsible attacks by segregationist groups and political demagogues. During the past year, the Council has been singled out for vilification and abuse by various groups of this kind. The Executive Committee has counselled with the staff on ways to counter the effects of these unfounded attacks. When public statements have seemed called for, we have replied to these violent critics in forceful and well documented terms. On the other hand, we have recognized the danger of allowing such verbal assaults to divert the Council unduly from important program activities, and we may take heart from the fact that the Council has lost few if any friends and little if any effectiveness because of the false witness borne against it. We may also take comfort from the view that the intensity of such attacks is one measure of our effectiveness and of the desperation of those who oppose the principles for which we stand.

5. Program. Although the past year has required major attention to matters of organization and finance, your Executive Committee has also worked closely with the staff on program development and implementation. We will forego in this report any detailed accounting of program activities. You have already received a detailed report by mail of the activities of the first six months and will hear further today from the Executive ~~Committee~~ Director

about activities during the subsequent period. Two items, however, may be worthy of special mention. We may take justifiable pride in the wide-spread attention and effective use given to the findings of the Council's South-wide survey of Negro suffrage. At a time when the American public and the Congress were giving major attention to this crucial area of civil rights, the Southern Regional Council was able to make public the only detailed and documented facts in existence as to voter registration and the obstacles encountered by Negro citizens who seek to exercise their right to the ballot. A program proposal developed in the last meeting of the Executive Committee seems to us to hold special promise. This is a proposal that the Council, in cooperation with Atlanta University, sponsor a major institute on the international effects of race relations problems in the South. The object is to assemble on the campus of Atlanta University a group of the nation's leading figures in international affairs, as well as influential leadership from within the South. Such a conference, thoroughly publicized through the press, radio, and television, could do much to make clear the threat to the national welfare posed by irresponsible leadership which insists on perpetuating segregation and discrimination in defiance of the law of the land.

In summary, the Executive Committee sees the past year as one in which the challenge to and need for an organization such as ours have been greatly sharpened. The accomplishments of the past year should serve to assure us that we have in the Council an instrument through which we can work together effectively for the principles and aims which we share. Given our conscientious support and participation, it may play a decisive part at this crucial stage in the history of the South.

November 8, 1957

Mr. John Weiss
Fund for the Advancement of Education
477 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear John:

We are honored by the formal invitation to the forthcoming Sputnik Spree. Where does it stand in light of the emergence of Mutnik? In any case, we won't be able to make it. I have had my fall shot at New York and beeped at you in vain, as Dorothy may have told you. If I ever do make one, you will have to make an exception and let at least one Harvard man into the Geritol bar. I need it bad.

Yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 8, 1957

Mr. Charles Steele
Executive Director
Louisville Urban League
608 W. Walnut Street
Louisville 3, Kentucky

Dear Charlie:

I very much appreciated your recent letter commenting favorably on the Congressional Record reprint of Senator Douglas' speech.

It is good news that you are planning to be with us at the annual meeting, and I am looking forward to seeing you next week.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 8, 1957

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

Thank you for letting me know that it will be some time before the Field Foundation will have a meeting at which grant requests can be considered. In view of this, I will defer a request from the Southern Regional Council for a while, so that our assessment of the Southern situation and program needs will not be too out dated when your board does convene. However, we do wish to have a request before you and will submit one within the next two or three months.

Meanwhile, I know you will feel free to call on me for any help or information that the Council can render.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

STATUS OF URBAN LEAGUES IN THE SOUTH
(Information from Fred Routh)

November 8, 1957

LEAGUES WITH COMMUNITY CHEST SUPPORT

Atlanta
Memphis
Miami
Oklahoma City
Tampa
Tulsa
Winston-Salem

LEAGUES WHICH HAVE "WITHDRAWN" FROM THE COMMUNITY CHEST UNDER PRESSURE

Little Rock
New Orleans
Richmond

LEAGUES FORCED OUT OF COMMUNITY CHEST

Ft. Worth
Jacksonville

November 8, 1957

Mr. David S. Broder
Political Editor
Congressional Quarterly News Features
1156 Nineteenth Street
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Broder:

We will be very happy to supply any information we can to the Congressional Quarterly and appreciate the invitation to call upon you when the occasion warrants.

I am sending you separately a copy of our recently published survey on Negro suffrage. This booklet does not contain the county-by-county figures which we released in mimeographed form somewhat earlier. A copy of the earlier release is also being sent.

I am placing your name on our publications mailing list, since this is the best way to insure that you will get our studies when they are published.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 8, 1957

MEMORANDUM

To: John Constable

From: H. C. F.

Will you have Marge doctor up a list of the county-By-county figures for Mr. Broder. Also see that he is put on the list for New South and other special reports that may be of interest.

Do you think that he can be of use to us? If so, how?

November 8, 1957

Mr. Samuel Lubell
845 West End Avenue
New York 25, New York

Dear Sam:

I was delighted to receive the necent news release and to learn of your new appointment. It is good to see that the negotiations you were engaged in when I saw you last have come to such fruitful conclusions. My first thought, of course, is what this means in terms of the kind of opinion research in the South that we have discussed. I judge from the release that your projects will be pretty localized, though I wasn't sure whether that meant localized in the New York area.

When time and your new duties permit, let me know if there is any possibility here of our working together on mutual interests. The next time I am in New York, perhaps I can do a better job of getting together with you and discussing this possibility.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 8, 1957

Mr. John C. Faulkner, III
Stewart, Dougall & Associates, Inc.
Thirty Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Jack:

Thanks for your recent letter, bearing evidence that you read the New York Times and that you haven't forgotten our recent conversation.

I haven't forgotten either and would like very much to talk with Archibald Crossley and see you again when I am next in New York. I will be sure to give you a call.

I haven't been able to do very much on our Alma Mater's fund-raising campaign - too busy with my own. I hope you have shown yourself a truer son than I have.

Until I see you, all the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 8, 1957

Mr. Frank Willard
Frank Willard Productions
3223-B Cain Hill Place, N. W.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Frank:

"The Face of the South" has turned out to be a real tribute to your film-making skill. We have been using the film for some months now and have found it a very effective and universally admired production. I thought I should share with you a memorandum I received from John Constable, our director of information, as follows:

> The film, "Face of the South," has been widely in demand since its first showing. Due to the number of requests, it was necessary for the Southern Regional Council to purchase a second copy of the film.
>
> Critical comment concerning the film is high in praise of the color and the use of illustrative scenes which fit neatly into different phases of the lecture by Dr. George Mitchell. These scenes help move the story at a faster pace.
>
> Persons who have shown this film in Arkansas and in South Carolina report very favorable reaction.

One staff member who has shown the film extensively (Emory Via), makes the same point as above that the producer has done a skillful job of using illustrative scenes to brighten a serious lecture. "Technically," Via says, "the film is excellent."

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 8, 1957

Mr. Peter C. Mohr
326 Walker Hall
Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Mohr:

Your recent letter concerning information has been referred to me. We are mailing you, under separate cover, a copy of the Voting report. I hope this material will be of some help to you.

Negro leaders whom you might well see are Mrs. Ruby Hurley, whose office is here in Atlanta and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., or Mr. E. D. Nixon of the Montgomery Improvement Association, 530 South Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama. The Montgomery Improvement Association is perhaps the most highly developed organization in promoting voter registration among Negroes in the South today.

If we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Encl. (Invoice)

November 8, 1957

Reverend Colbert S. Cartwright
Pulaski Heights Christian Church
Hillcrest and Spruce
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Cartwright:

This is just to thank you for the material you recently sent concerning the Little Rock situation, to express my enjoyment of your recent magazine articles, and to ask you an additional favor.

We here at the Council are interested in a NEW SOUTH article setting forth specific things ministers and other religious leaders can do in this transition situation. I know you have done some of these things in the past, but in this article we would be interested in spelling out the role of ministers and other religious leaders with the practical details and illustrations that come from first hand experience. I am sure you are in a good position to do this, and wonder if you will take it on for us.

If you feel you cannot do this article for us at this time, do you have any suggestions as to someone who might do us a good job. One other person has been suggested to us. He is George Chauncey, Presbyterian minister of Monticello, Arkansas. If you decide you cannot do this, could you give us your opinion of Mr. Chauncey.

However, I do hope you will do us a favor. I know you would do the kind of article of which we are in need.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

November 8, 1957

The University of North Carolina Press
Chapel Hill,
North Carolina

Dear Sir:

Please send us one copy of "Racial Discrimination and Private Education" by Arthur S. Miller. We are enclosing our check (No. 1419) in the amount of $3.50 to cover cost.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Encl. (Check)

November 8, 1957

Mr. Walter B. Wheeler
Associate Director
Public Affairs Press
419 New Jersey Avenue, S. E.
Washington 3, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Your letter of October 29, concerning Mr. Woofter's book has been referred to me.

As you may recall, Dr. George Mitchell reviewed Mr. Woofter's book in our monthly publication NEW SOUTH prior to his retiring from the Council. Subsequently the review was published in the May issue of the publication. Through this review, we feel that our mailing list has been reached as well as we could possibly hope. Enclosed is a copy of the publication in which the review appeared.

If we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Encl. (May issue of NEW SOUTH)

November 8, 1957

Mr. James Stokely
405 Clifton Heights
Newport, Tennessee

Dear Jim:

Thanks for the letter, lad
From high on thy mountain side,
The news within it made us glad
Tho we'll miss your bonnie bride.

Tis good to have you on our board
Even if you're "but a poet,"
For the bard was smiled on by the Lord
And the Book of Psalms doth show it.

So, come to us with your poet's pen
And bring 'long the Golden Rule,
We'll challenge the oppressor in his den
And free the American School.

With apologies to a real poet,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

November 8, 1957

Mr. Gustave Falk, Area Director
The American Jewish Committee
523 Fidelity Building
Dallas 2, Texas

Dear Gus:

It was good to be with your group in Dallas. I am much impressed with their alertness and sensitivity to the problems which the Dallas community faces. I was sorry that you and I did not have more of an opportunity to chat and discuss the inter-agency cooperative effort in the Dallas area.

I am enclosing my expense account for the trip. Please have the check made out to the Southern Regional Council. I hope you still feel that my participation was worth the expenses involved. Please keep me informed on developments out there and if we can be of further help don't hesitate to yell.

Warm personal regards to you and your good spouse.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

November 8, 1957

Rev. Ed Kloppe
Texas Council on Human Relations
407 West 27th Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

If the first check we mailed you on the 1957/58 allocation turns up out there please return it to us pronto. We have sent you a new one which is good: we have ordered a "stop payment" at the bank on the first check.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

November 8, 1957

Mr. Ernst Linde
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Linde:

We will be happy to do anything possible for Mr. Thomas McCalmont during his Atlanta visit.

One of our staff members, Mr. Emory Via, Labor Consultant, has worked with Mr. Baughman of the National Woodworkers on a number of occasions. He will contact Mr. Baughman and work out the necessary and desirable arrangements.

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Regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

November 11, 1957

The Rt. Rev. Henry I. Louttit, D.D.
Diocese of South Florida
324 North Interlachen Avenue
P.O. Box 597
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Bishop Louttit:

Thank you for your kind letter informing us that you cannot at this time accept nomination to the Board of the Southern Regional Council. We are, of course, disappointed that you find yourself too busy to accept, but fully understand the heavy responsibilities in diocesan work.

Thank you for the endorsement of the Southern Regional Council. We feel it very important that we have the moral backing of men of your spiritual stature. Perhaps in the future it will be possible for you to accept Board membership.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

November 11, 1957

Rev. Harry S. Jones
Executive Director
121 East Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

I am sending you a letter that has just come into our office from the American Jewish Committee's regional office in Miami. Please answer Mr. Leibner's enquiry.

The long awaited news letter will be out 'ere long.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.

FBR:fcl

November 11, 1957

Mrs. Josephine D. Murphy
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Murphy:

You certainly made us feel at home and Mr. Tilly just loved the attention you gave to him.

It was a new experience to some of our women and they loved it. You are such a gracious hostess. The dining room service was splendid.

With a heartful of thanks from all of us and especially from Mr. and Mrs. Tilly, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

November 11, 1957

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mays:

You and Mrs. Mays are wonderful host and hostess.

You did so much to make our workshop possible and were your considerate self all the way through.

Your greeting was so warmly felt by all the women. And we deeply appreciate the tea which was so beautifully arrangedin the lounge.

Thanks for everything.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

November 11, 1957

Mr. Arthur Levin
Anti-Defamation League
41 Exchange Place, S. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Art:

I am always indebted to you. What would Atlanta be without you. I certainly would be at a lost.

You were just wonderful in the workshop. You did a great deal for me by your very presence. Thank you Art.

As soon as the gleanings are finished, you may have as many copies as you wish. Only let me know before the mimeographing begins.

Thanks and best wishes to you always.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

November 11, 1957

Mr. Robert Paschal
837 Hunter Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Paschal:

I wish I knew how to express our gratitude and thanks for the women to whom you served the lunches on October 29 and 30. Over and over again we heard women say, "Where did you get such fried chicken. It is so tender yet so brown."

The lunches were certainly delightful - the chicken and all the extra you had in them. If you need a booster, call on us.

Thanks very much.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

November 11, 1957

Mrs. Charles Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

It was wonderful at last to have you with us in our workshop. I listened to one of the women in a group and this is what she said, "I have never been so stirred and challenged as I was in being with the workshop led by Mrs. Charles Johnson. She is so understanding and such a Christian and made me want to be more understanding and more appreciative as she is."

Our workshop could not have had better leaders as we had at this one. I really felt I had a team of stars, with Dr. Faulkner, Mr. Campbell, ~~and~~ Mr. Levin, and you.

As soon as the gleanings are received from Miss Holden we will send you a copy. But in the meantime please accept the love and thanks of the women and especially of Dorothy Tilly.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

November 11, 1957

Dr. W. J. Faulkner
Congregational Church of Park Manor
7000 South Park Street
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Dr. Faulkner:

There is a sentence in one of the letters received from one who attended the workshop that expresses for all of us; "No one could listen to Dr. Faulkner and go away an unchanged person."

I always find it very difficult to find words to express deep feelings and I am lost now for words to express to you how much your coming meant to all of us. I knew this would be so when I asked you to come.

I felt our women needed your messages to make it possible for them to accept the challenge of the controversies that assail them. Your messages will echo and re-echo over our South.

Please accept the thanks of all of the women there, and a heartful from me.

We will send you the gleanings just as soon as Miss Holden, who was our official reporter, gets them in shape for us.

Give Mrs. Faulkner our thanks for telling you to come and not to hurry home.

With the best of wishes to you always, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

November 11, 1957

Dr. Rufus E. Clement, President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

Thank you so much for all you did to help me out of the dilemma I was in with "The Fellowship of the Concerned." I don't know what we would have done without the convenience of Sage Hall.

There was a place to keep our coffee hot, and a place to sit and eat on the arm chairs.

I wish you could have met these women. I believe they have grown up some during the years. At least they seem to be more mature in their thinking.

You were a friend indeed to us and I am grateful to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

VIA AIR MAIL

November 12, 1957

Mr. Ed Rankin
Executive Secretary
The Governor's Office
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Rankin:

I am sending you the enclosed material at the request of Bob Anderson. This is a very hasty and incomplete pulling together of items having some bearing on the rising social and economic status of the Negro in the South. But since Bob indicated that time was of the essence, I thought it better to send you what was readily at hand rather than delay until something more comprehensive could be assembled.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosures.
Indices to Progress of the Negro...
Business Week Brochure - Dec. 18, 1954
Desegregating White Institutions
~~Atlanta Journal~~
Wall Street Journal Article - "Desegregated Dollar" 4/16/56
Chatt. Times - 9/29/57 -"Emergence of Moderation..."

November 12, 1957

Mr. Stanley Leibner
Executive Assistant
The American Jewish Committee
1208 Congress Building
Miami, Florida

Dear Stanley:

I have forwarded your letter of November 7th concerning the bi-racial committee recently formed in Durham to the Director of our state organization in North Carolina, Harry Jones.

You will, I trust, hear from him shortly.

Warm regards to Seymour and you.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

November 12, 1957

Mr. William G. Shannon
Encampment for Citizenship
2 West 64th Street
New York 23, N.Y.

Dear Bill:

Thanks for straightening out the Carolyn Wheeler account. I know that in the vast bureaucracy that the Encampment must have it is easy to lose an account or make a mistake in it. Both Carolyn and Mrs. Spearman are happy at the result of your efforts in searching the files.

See you in Kansas City.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

November 12, 1957

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Services
St. Helena's Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

Marion Wright has been in the office and we have been talking about the advisability of you becoming a member of NAIRO. He has asked me to write you saying that you are authorised by the Board to join and that they will pay your membership, and if you wish to attend the annual meeting Mr. Wright will guarantee up to $75.00 expenses.

The annual meeting is being held in Kansas City, Missouri, on November 20th, 21st and 22nd, and will take place at the Pickwick Hotel. If you decide to go I would advise that you write the hotel immediately for room reservations. Rooms run from $6.85 up. I think it would be good if you go.

Warm regards to the family.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

(Dictated by Mr. Routh but signed in his absence)

FBR:fcl

November 12, 1957

Miss Susan Hunter
Fortune Magazine
Time-Life Building
9 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, N.Y.

Dear Miss Hunter:

I am enclosing the material which you requested this morning in our telephone conversation. The single most important document is probably Integration North and South; starting on page 46 is a description of desegregation in the South since the 1954 schools decision. I have checked on several issues of New South articles that may be of particular interest to you. I am also enclosing our pamphlet The Negro Voter in the South. There is much material in it which will lend itself to graphic interpretation. In the pamphlet Next Steps in the South you will find a population map of the South which should be of interest to you. I hope this material will be helpful to you in preparing the American exhibit at the International Fair in Brussels.

It is important for those of us who believe in democracy to interpret to the rest of the world the progress that is being made in this nation. It is important that the people of Europe fully understand that the demagogic politician who occasionally creeps out in the South is not representative of our people.

I would suggest two books that might also be helpful to you: The Negro Potential, by Eli Ginzberg (University of Columbia Press) and Public Education in the South Today and Tomorrow, by Swanson and Griffin (University of North Carolina Press).

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
(Dictated by Mr. Routh but signed in his absence)

FBR:fcl

REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON FACT-FINDING

Southern Interagency Meeting
November 12-13, 1957

The Subcommittee on Fact-Finding met on Tuesday evening, November 12th to formulate plans for several joint efforts in the area of fact-finding and legal services. The recommendation on legal services, separately drafted, is attached. Following are the recommendations on fact-finding:

I. Violence, Intimidation, and Reprisal

In view of the creation of the Civil Rights Commission, it is felt that a comprehensive report of incidents in this category should be compiled as quickly as possible. It is tentatively agreed that the period would be covered might date from the Supreme Court school decision of May 17, 1954.

Although we recognize that practical considerations arising in the course of the survey might cause us to adopt a shorter period. In any case, the incidents reported should be limited to those involving violence, intimidation and reprisal growing out of Southern reactions to the Supreme Court's decision. The following mechanics and methods were agreed upon:

1. A temporary project person, having appropriate skills and experience, should be employed. This temporary project director would work under the overall supervision of an interagency committee made up of Southern staff members of the Anti-Defamation League, the American Friends Service Committee, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Southern Regional Council. These agencies were selected because they have existing files and materials in this field.

2. A prospectus describing this project shall be circulated to each of the organizations participating in the Southern interagency effort. Each of these organizations will be asked to assume a prorata share of the cost of the project. We estimate roughly that the cost of the project would be between $3,000 to $5,000. It shall be understood that the four agencies previously mentioned shall have full responsibility for the direction of the project. When the fact-finding has been completed and a report drafted, however, each of the contributing agencies will have an opportunity to review the manuscript and decide whether it wishes to be associated by name with the report.

3. The object will be to document each incident by newspaper reports. We recognize that it may be necessary in some cases to check the facts against other sources - organizational files, first-hand accounts, and so on. In addition to clippings and reports in the files of cooperating organizations, the files of the Southern Education Reporting Service should be utilized. It is hoped that the final report can state that each of the incidents is supported by published news reports.

4. Publication plans will be made when a draft of the report is in hand. The findings may be communicated directly to the Civil Rights Commission, released to the press and other media in printed or mimeographed form, or both, depending on the circumstances at the time of completion.

II. Employment Discrimination

The need for greater interagency cooperation in this field is recognized. We start from the fact that there are official committees appointed by the President to deal with this question - The President's Committee on Government Contracts and the President's Committee on Federal Employment.

As a first step, it is recommended that each of the cooperating organizations having programs in this field pool their information. Once this has been done and the information has been screened and assembled, further steps can be decided. It was agreed that Tartt Bell of the American Friends Service Committee would serve as the central person to whom all of the information should be sent at the earliest possible date. Among the organizations that might logically be expected to contribute to the pool of information are the AFSC, the Urban League, the Anti-Defamation League, the NAACP, SRC's labor consultant, and various trade unions. A possible follow-up step might be a visit to the committees in Washington by a delegation drawn from these and other agencies.

III. Voting Discrimination

The Subcommittee discussed next steps indicated by the passage of the new civil rights legislation and the formation of the Civil Rights Commission. It was agreed that the main focus should be on the community level and specific instances of discrimination against would-be voters should be called to the attention of the Department of Justice. It is recognized that the NAACP is giving special emphasis to program and procedure designed to do this. Two additional steps were seen as desirable:

1. To collect official statements and other possible documentation showing an intent to disfranchise on the part of state and local officialdom.

2. It was pointed out that there is a need for white Southerners to participate as observers to the registration process in their communities. To this end, it was recommended that the Fellowship of the Concerned convene a selected group of women leadership on a region wide basis to devise such a program. It was also recommended that steps be taken to induce such church women's organizations and perhaps the League of Women Voters to make non-discriminatory practices one of their program objectives.

November 13, 1957

Mrs. M. B. Jones
418 S. 2nd Street
Warrington, Florida

Dear Mrs. Jones:

Thank you for your letter of November 12th which we hasten to answer. It is good to know that the Pensacola area has a group working on community relations problems.

You asked about the film "A City Decides". You may obtain this from the Education Department, AFL-CIO, 815 16th Street, N.W., Washington 6, D.C. I would suggest two other films that are also very helpful. "The Face of the South", which is George Mitchell (former Director of the Southern Regional Council) and his famous map talk on how the South got the way it is and what can be done to improve it. Also the film "The Baltimore Story", which is a description of how the city of Baltimore dealt with the problems of desegregation. There may be a small rental or handling fee on all of these films.

I would suggest that you get in touch with Mr. William K. Williams, the Executive Director of the Florida Council on Human Relations. His address is: 213 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida. There are a group of local community organizations which are affiliated with the Florida Council. The Florida Council is our affiliate in the Sunshine State.

We also have here at the Southern Regional Council a Consultant Service Program directed by Mr. John Hope II. In certain strategic

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communities in the Southern area this group has provided professional consultant services to local key people. If your group is sufficiently well organised and if it contains some key community people there is the possibility of obtaining consultant services. You might write to Mr. Hope at Fisk University, Nashville 8, Tennessee.

If we can be of any further help to you please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

cc: Mr. William K. Williams.

P.S. Two of the films mentioned - "The Face of the South" and "The Baltimore Story" - may be obtained from the Anti-Defamation League, 41 Exchange Place, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia. They are handling our film service for us.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Atlanta, Georgia
November 12 - 13, 1957

The meeting of the Southern Regional Council convened at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia.

Invocation by Father Alexander O. Sigur.

All members of the professional staff of the Council were present. A list of Council members present is attached.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Report of the Executive Committee was read by the Chairman, Dr. Rufus E. Clement:

The year that has elapsed since we met last November at Williamsburg, Virginia, has been one of the most eventful in the Southern Regional Council's fourteen years of existance. At our last annual meeting, we made policy decisions of profound significance to the future of the Southern Regional Council. We regretfully accepted the retirement of Dr. George S. Mitchell as of mid-January 1957 and chose as his successor to the position of executive director Harold Fleming of the Council's staff. We also adopted a comprehensive policy statement calling for major re-direction of the Council's program and for a new pattern of relationship with the state councils on human relations, which were to become independent organizations as of October 1, 1957. We recognized that the very continuation of the Southern Regional Council depended on the negotiation of a new period of support from the Fund for the Republic and the securing of sizeable additional funds from new sources. Finally, we recognized that the critical stage in the South's transition to a desegregated society made it mandatory that the Council not only continue its efforts but broaden and intensify them as much as humanly possible.

Your Executive Committee has addressed itself to the carrying out of these mandates of the last annual meeting during the year just past. We have held three two-day meetings, one in January, one in April, and one in July. The matters considered and acted upon in these meetings may be briefly summed up under five major headings, as follows:

1. Staff Reorganization and Redirection of Program. -- In close consultation with the Executive Director and the staff, we adopted a staff structure and plan of activities suited to the new policies adopted at the Williamsburg meeting. Three major areas of operation were defined, with the responsibilities of the various professional staff members fixed, under the overall administration

of the executive director. The first was field services, under the general supervision of the assistant director, Fred Routh, and including the work of the Consultant Service Program superintended by Chief Consultant John Hope II, the labor consultant Emory F. Via, women's work, Mrs. M. E. Tilly, and the associate for program development, Dr. C. H. Parrish. A second area of operation embraces the information functions, under the supervision of Director of Information John Constable, including the editing of New South and other publications, fact-finding programs, relations with the press and other media, and the work of the research assistant, Miss Marge Manderson. The third area includes all administrative functions carried on by the Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Ruth Alexander, and the Administrative Assistant, Paul Anthony. Undergirding all of these operations is the clerical staff of five. Since the plan of organization was adopted, the staff has been augmented by an intern in field services, Machion Garrison, a recent graduate of Morehouse College. Moreover, the Executive Committee reviewed in detail and approved a redefinition of program activities, staff functions and salaries, in order to facilitate the kind of operation called for by the last annual meeting.

2. Finances. -- The Executive Committee undertook to counsel and assist the staff in a major fund-raising effort both to meet urgent immediate needs and to make possible increased program activities over the next three years. Our budget for this period is still far from assured. But your Executive Committee can report an encouraging degree of progress toward the goal. On May 17, 1957, the Fund for the Republic granted to the Council $200,000 for use during the 39-month period between October 1, 1957 and December 31, 1960. A program of investment was carefully worked out to make possible maximum earnings on unused funds over this period. The Fund for the Republic grant was not earmarked for specific purposes as in the past, but was given for the general support of the Council. In order to meet current budgetary needs, an additional amount of approximately $70,000 was raised, a large part of it representing contributions from new sources. It should be noted that, during the financially critical months early in the year, the Council's budget was strengthened by contributions to the George S. Mitchell Tribute Fund, established in honor of our retired executive director.

Lest this report of heartening achievement in the financial area give rise to an unjustified complacency, the Executive Committee has reminded itself and would like to remind the Council as a whole of the large task that still lies ahead of us. In order to carry on the Council's work at its present level through 1960, we must still raise additional funds of approximately $400,000.

3. State Organizations. -- At the last annual meeting, it was decided that the affiliated state councils on human relations would as of October 1, 1957 become independent organizations. This date marked the end of the subsidy period provided for in the earlier

grants from the Fund for the Republic. It was also decided at Williamsburg, however, that the Council should continue to work as closely and cooperatively as possible with the state organizations and that our purpose would be to secure further funds for aid to the state councils. At its July meeting, the Executive Committee considered in detail requests for such aid submitted by the several state councils and approved a schedule of aid to the state groups totaling $40,500. This amount was not dispensed according to any automatic formula for equal division, but in the light of the requests submitted was allocated in terms of need and merit as we could best determine them. The amounts of aid approved by the Executive Committee are as follows:

State	Amount Allocated
Alabama	$4,000
Arkansas	4,500
Florida	4,000
Georgia	4,000
Kentucky	3,000
North Carolina	4,000
South Carolina	5,000
Tennessee	3,000
Texas	2,500
Virginia	4,000

Louisiana -- The Louisiana Council on Human Relations did not submit a request for aid beyond October 1, 1957. However, staff members have conferred with various board members of the Southern Regional Council and the Louisiana Council who expressed the view that the Louisiana Council might best be allowed to go out of existence and, after a few months, a new effort should begin in the New Orleans area. $2,500 has been set aside for aid in this contingency.

The staff continues to maintain close communication and cooperation with the state organizations, and all of the supporting services that the Atlanta office can render are available to them.

4. Attacks. -- Extreme reactions to the Supreme Court's school desegregation decision have created a climate of emotionalism and reprisal in parts of the region, particularly in the Deep South. In such a climate, it must be expected that an organization like the Southern Regional Council will be subjected to irresponsible attacks by segregationist groups and political demagogues. During the past year, the Council has been singled out for vilification and abuse by various groups of this kind. The Executive Committee has counselled with the staff on ways to counter the effects of these unfounded attacks. When public statements have seemed called for, we have replied to these violent critics in forceful and well documented terms. On the other hand, we have recognized the danger of allowing such verbal assaults to divert the Council unduly from important program activities, and we may take heart from the fact that the Council has lost few if any friends and little if any effectiveness because of the false witness borne against it. We may also take comfort from the view that the intensity of such attacks is one measure of our effectiveness and of the desperation of those who oppose the principles for which we stand.

5. Program. -- Although the past year has required major attention to matters of organization and finance, your Executive Committee has also worked closely with the staff on program development and implementation. We will forego in this report any detailed accounting of program activities. You have already received a detailed report by mail of the activities of the first six months and will hear further today from the Executive Director about activities during the subsequent period. Two items, however, may be worthy of special mention. We may take justifiable pride in the wide-spread attention and effective use given to the findings of the Council's Southwide survey of Negro suffrage. At a time when the American public and the Congress were giving major attention to this crucial area of civil rights, the Southern Regional Council was able to make public the only detailed and documented facts in existence as to voter registration and the obstacles encountered by Negro citizens who seek to exercise their right to the ballot. A program proposal developed in the last meeting of the Executive Committee seems to us to hold special promise. This is a proposal that the Council, in cooperation with Atlanta University, sponsor a major institute on the international effects of race relations problems in the South. The object is to assemble on the campus of Atlanta University a group of the nation's leading figures in international affairs, as well as influential leadership from within the South. Such a conference, thoroughly publicized through the press, radio, and television, could do much to make clear the threat to the national welfare posed by irresponsible leadership which insists on perpetuating segregation and discrimination in defiance of the law of the land.

In summary, the Executive Committee sees the past year as one in which the challenge to and need for an organization such as ours

have been greatly sharpened. The accomplishments of the past year should serve to assure us that we have in the Council an instrument through which we can work together effectively for the principles and aims which we share. Given our conscientious support and participation, it may play a decisive part at this crucial stage in the history of the South.

Upon motion unanimously adopted, the report of the Executive Committee and all actions therein listed were approved.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director reported on the activities of the Council and the work of the staff during the past year. The information in the Director's report will be included in the Annual Report of the Council, to be circulated shortly.

Mr. McDowell asked if the Council has formal programs which extend to the college and university campuses of the region. Mr. Fleming stated that the Council did not work directly with college students, although the Council assists other agencies which reach campus groups. Mr. McDowell asked about the possibility of developing such activities as part of the program of the Council. Mr. Hope pointed out that the resources of SRC have been used effectively by other agencies. Organizations working with young people frequently look first to the Council for consultative services and other resources. Dr. Dent endorsed this approach stating that, in his opinion, one of the greatest services SRC can render is that of supplying information and guidance to organizations which now deal with student groups.

It was suggested that the Council might circularize professors of sociology and ethics in an effort to open new avenues of approach to Southern students. The distribution of New South to these professional people was suggested as a possible way of achieving this. To this distribution was added the possibility of sending New South and Special Reports to all Southern college libraries. The feasibility and cost of such distributions were discussed at length. The Members suggested that Mr. Constable, editor of New South, and other staff members take these suggestions under advisement and see which of them might wisely be implemented.

The staff was commended for its formal and informal reports to the Members. It was pointed out that the reports, as submitted, gave detailed information as to what the Council is and does. The Members suggested that future reports which were planned for a wider distribution should include the same type of information. In this way, it was felt, other interested persons would have a means of accurately interpreting the work of the Council.

So that Members might come to know the staff better and assist them in local areas, Father Sigur suggested that it would be helpful

if staff persons would send their itineraries to appropriate Members when they planned to be in the field.

Upon motion unanimously adopted, the report of the Executive Director was accepted by the Board.

A motion was made by Dr. Dent that the Council reconvene at 7:00 p.m. to continue, and if possible complete, all business on the agenda. The motion was adopted.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

A report of income and expenditures from October 1, 1956, to September 30, 1957, was submitted by Mrs. Ruth House Alexander. Mr. Paul Anthony submitted the proposed budgets as earlier approved by the Executive Committee for the period October 1 - December 31, 1957 and January 1 - December 31, 1958. (See attached.) After discussion, the following motion was made by Dr. Dent:

"I move that we approve the budget as submitted with three provisos:

1. That the Executive Director keep commitments within the funds available;

2. That the Executive Committee review the budget periodically and make adjustments as may be necessary to keep the Council's operations within available funds;

3. That in any adjustments, the grants-in-aid to the states not be reduced unless in the judgment of the Executive Committee it appears to be absolutely necessary to do so."

The motion was unanimously adopted.

NIGHT SESSION - EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council reconvened in executive session at 7:00 p.m. The Executive Director, Assistant Director, and Secretary-Treasurer were confirmed.

Revised By-Laws were approved as submitted. (See attached.)

The Resolutions Committee submitted resolutions to be sent to the Fund for the Republic, the New World Foundation, and the New York Fund for Children. The resolutions are as follows:

Fund for the Republic:

Gathered at Atlanta, in annual meeting, we, the members of the Southern Regional Council, pause in our deliberations to pay special tribute to the Fund for the Republic:

For its confidence, evidenced by generous financial support, in the Southern Regional Council;

For its belief in the ability of the people of the South to adjust to more democratic patterns of life; and more important . . .

For its defense of the Bill of Rights, upon which rest the individual liberty and security of all citizens of the United States.

New World Foundation:

In this, the South's hour of travail and transition, enlightened local leadership has asked for experienced guidance and wise counsel.

Through the generosity of the New World Foundation, the Consultant Service Program of the Southern Regional Council has been enabled to furnish some part of this guidance and counsel so urgently needed.

In the new world which is being built in the South of today, this contribution will stand out as a significant factor in its growth and development.

Therefore, we, the members of the Council, wish to express our thanks and acknowledge the indebtedness of our region to the New World Foundation.

New York Fund for Children:

It is self evident that the future of our region, and the nation depends upon the ability of each generation's children to adjust to the reality of their day and to prepare for the world of tomorrow.

Growing up is never an easy process. But, of this generation of Southern children - both Negro and white - more than usual is demanded. They are not the ones who make the decisions, but it is they who must, in final analysis, live out the decisions made.

> Through the generous financial support of the New York Fund for Children, the Southern Regional Council has been enabled to help the children of the South by working through religious youth groups, other organizations, and a small but growing number of public school systems. For this support, we, the members of the Council, are sincerely grateful.

The report of the Nominating Committee was approved as submitted. Attached is a list of Members reflecting acceptances received as of the date these Minutes were prepared. A final list will be sent to all Members when it is complete.

GENERAL SESSION

The retiring president of the Council, Mr. Wright, was presented with two bound volumes of New South. These volumes contained the issues of New South published during Mr. Wright's presidency. The presentation was made, on behalf of the Council, by Dr. Clement.

Mr. Wright, on accepting the Council's gift, complimented the Council for its selection of Mr. Dabbs as the new president.

Mr. Dabbs, in addressing the Council, expressed the hope that the progress achieved during Mr. Wright's term of office might be continued in the coming year.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL MEETING

November 12 - 13, 1957

I. H. Burney
Jacksonville

Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta, Georgia

James M. Dabbs
Mayesville, South Carolina

Herbert M. Davidson
Daytona Beach, Florida

Albert W. Dent
New Orleans, Louisiana

Luther H. Foster
Tuskegee, Alabama

Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Atlanta, Georgia

M. Lafayette Harris
Little Rock, Arkansas

E. A. McDowell
Wake Forest, North Carolina

Benjamin E. Mays
Atlanta, Georgia

Mrs. J. N. Rayzor
Houston, Texas

Charles Shaw
Houston, Texas

Alexander Sigur
Lafayette, Louisiana

Charles Steele
Louisville, Kentucky

James E. Stewart
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Miss Florence Sytz
New Orleans, Louisiana

John H. Wheeler
Durham, North Carolina

Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

LIST OF BOARD MEMBERS

Members Re-elected at Annual Meeting:

1. Mrs. L. C. Bates
   Little Rock, Arkansas
2. Dr. B. R. Brazeal
   Atlanta, Georgia
3. Mr. W. Carroll Brooke
   Staunton, Virginia
4. Mr. I. H. Burney
   Jacksonville, Florida
5. Mr. Hodding Carter
   Greenville, Mississippi
6. Mr. C. S. Cartwright
   Little Rock, Arkansas
7. Dr. Rufus E. Clement
   Atlanta, Georgia
8. Mrs. James S. Crate
   Houston, Texas
9. Mr. Jerome Crossman
   Dallas, Texas
10. Mr. Caxton Doggett
    Winter Park, Florida
11. Mr. Duncan Hunter
    Alexander City, Alabama
12. Dr. Guy B. Johnson
    Chapel Hill, N. C.
13. Mr. Z. A. Looby
    Nashville, Tennessee
14. Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
    Atlanta, Georgia
15. Dr. A. C. Miller
    Nashville, Tennessee
16. Mr. L. D. Milton
    Atlanta, Georgia
17. Dr. A. G. Moron
    Hampton, Virginia
18. Dr. E. C. Peters
    Atlanta, Georgia
19. Dr. J. L. Reddix
    Jackson, Mississippi
20. Mrs. E. U. Robinson
    Gallatin, Tennessee
21. Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg
    Louisville, Kentucky
22. Mr. Charles A. Shaw
    Houston, Texas
23. Mr. Courtney Siceloff
    Frogmore, South Carolina
24. Dr. H. C. Trenholm
    Montgomery, Alabama
25. Mr. John H. Wheeler
    Durham, North Carolina
26. Dr. Raymond Wheeler
    Charlotte, North Carolina
27. Miss Josephine Wilkins
    Atlanta, Georgia
28. Mr. Paul D. Williams
    Richmond, Virginia
29. Mr. Thomas W. Young
    Norfolk, Virginia

List of Board Members - continued

New Members Elected at Annual Meeting:
(Accepted as of December 18, 1957)

1. Mr. Irving Carlyle
Attorney
Winston-Salem, N. C.

2. Dr. James A. Colston
President
Knoxville College
Knoxville, Tennessee

3. Dr. S. B. Duncan
State Dept. of Public Instruction
Raleigh, North Carolina

4. Mr. Paul Green
Author
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

5. Mrs. Austin Kimball
YWCA Leader
Gainesville, Florida

6. Rabbi Charles Mantinband
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

7. Mr. Benjamin Muse
Columnist - Washington Post
Manassas, Virginia

8. Dr. Samuel Proctor
President, Virginia Union University
Richmond, Virginia

9. Mr. James Stokely
Author
Newport, Tennessee

10. Mr. Dan Whitsett
Minister, Sylacauga Methodist Church
Sylacauga, Alabama

11. Dr. Bell I. Wiley
Professor of History
Emory University, Georgia

Executive Committee: (In addition to the persons elected at the Annual Meeting the officers of the Council are ex-officio members of this committee.)

1. Dr. B. R. Brazeal
2. Mr. Paul Christopher
3. Dr. Rufus E. Clement
4. Dr. John A. Griffin
5. Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
6. Mr. Duncan Hunter
7. Father Alexander O. Sigur
8. Miss Josephine Wilkins

Nominating Committee:

1. Mr. W. C. Brooke
2. Dr. C. G. Gomillion
3. Dr. H. V. Richardson

List of Board Members - continued

Vice-Presidents:

1. Dr. Albert W. Dent

2. Mr. Paul Williams

3. Mr. Marion A. Wright

Counsel:

1. Mr. Joseph Haas

President:

1. Mr. James M. Dabbs

November 13, 1957

Mrs. J. N. Rayzor
3207 Groveland Lane
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Rayzor:

Enclosed you will find the material which you requested yesterday relative to the John Hay Whitney Foundation Opportunity Fellowships. The address of the Foundation is given at the bottom of the page of the enclosed announcement.

If anything further turns up on these fellowships we will be happy to forward it to you.

It was a pleasure meeting you at the Annual Meeting and I trust we will have a similar opportunity in the not too distant future.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony,
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs

November 13, 1957

Mr. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N.E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

The enclosed copy of a letter to Mrs. Jones is self explanatory. I would suggest you get in touch with her as quickly as possible and follow up on the possibilities of relating them to the Florida Council.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.

FBR:fcl

November 14, 1957

Miss Lenice Larkin
Regional YWCA Secretary
3012 Maple Avenue
Dallas 4, Texas

Dear Lenice:

It was good to hear from you. The film will be available for March 1st. However you should have whoever is responsible for receiving it write directly to the Anti-Defamation League, 41 Exchange Place, Atlanta , stating when it is wanted, where it is to be sent, and in whose name. The sooner the better.

I have been busy too but have not gone further than Louisiana in a southwesterly direction. I hope a visit to Dallas is not too far in the future.

With best personal wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

Same ltr. sent to:

Mrs. Robert L. Wilcox
Mrs. Ben Russell
Mrs. Fred Patterson
Miss Annie Tait Jenkins
Rev. Annie Campbell
Info. copy sent to: Mrs. Ruby Hurley

November 14, 1957

Rev. Miss Annie Campbell
673 Piedmont Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear ~~Reverend~~ Miss Campbell:

Since our workshop of The Fellowship of the Concerned, certain other things of a serious nature have arisen. There is an increasing effort to make it impossible for Negroes to register. The legislatures meeting the first of the year bid fair to accept the proposals certain groups are offering. This is serious to all of us for it endangers the franchise of any liberal person (see the proposal for membership in the Democratic Party of Georgia).

The matter is so serious that we felt it necessary to call a group of regional leaders for an all-day meeting on December 12th in the Wesley Memorial Building at 10:30 a.m. This is a most important meeting and we trust that you will find it entirely possible to be with us, for we certainly need those of you who are holding major places in the women's work of your denomination.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/mf

November 14, 1957

Mr. Willard Johnson
Vice-President
Educational Affairs
United States National Student Association
1234 Gimbel Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Your letter of the 4th has been referred to me since Dr. Mitchell has retired and is now living in Scotland.

We are pleased and encouraged to know of your interest and activities in eliminating racial discrimination from higher education. Unfortunately, your office sent us your report, "The Student's Role in Implementing the Second Report to the President," rather than your resolutions on desegregation. We are anxious to know more of these resolutions and would like to have a copy. It occurs to us that such resolutions should receive wide distribution, especially among college students. And, our research office would like to have a copy for our files.

Concerning the Council and its programs, we are enclosing a recent reprint from the Congressional Record. We will be happy to send you additional and more detailed information if you wish.

We would appreciate having information on your human relations programs as they develop and we stand ready to be of any possible help to you.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1

November 14, 1957

Mr. Benjamin D. Segal, Director
Trade Union Program on Civil Liberties and Rights
Room 301, 1244 Nineteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Ben:

The Shreveport school went very well. Vic Bussie tells me that both the subject and instructor rated high on their evaluation sheet. I have since been to another institute at Lake Charles. This went very well also and the top officers of the Labor Council have expressed their appreciation in several ways. Although we started with a clear understanding of only two institutes it has already been stretched to four, and the expectation is that I will be used in the fifth sometime after the first of the year.

I will forward a hundred copies of the voters study to go to the Fisk and Daytona people. I had not yet said anything to them and feel that it is entirely appropriate for you to do so.

No particular news from this end. Of course I pick up anecdotes from time to time. To mention the recent ones would be unpolitic, but should I get them typed you may have them for your private information. The enclosed clip may be of some interest to you.

The labor program and the rest of SRC have just got through the annual meeting of the Board in good style. James M. Dabbs of South Carolina has been elected the new president of the Board to replace Marion

Benjamin D. Segal. November 14, 1957

Wright. Rufus Clement continues as chairman of the executive committee. Nothing else of particular note on that front. Thanks for passing on the good words from Jim Turner. I trust all colds, flu, and barking dogs have ceased (but not deceased).

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosure.

EFV:fcl

November 14, 1957

Mr. Riley H. Pittman
Executive Director
Illinois Commission on Human Relations
160 North La Salle Street
Chicago 1, Illinois

Dear Mr. Pittman:

I am sorry that there has been so much delay in getting even the simplest of our materials to you. Enclosed are blank copies of the various instruments used in the Southern labor and race survey. Manny Muravchik of the Jewish Labor Committee in New York will send you a copy of their report on this survey as soon as it has been mimeographed.

The survey in each state was conducted by a person familiar with the labor movement and with that state; the persons interviewed were familiar with given local union situations, either as top officers or responsible staff persons. Some informal cross-checking was done with knowledgeable community persons or other union leaders.

This seems to be the limit of the information which we are able to supply you at this time. I am sorry that it cannot be more but trust that the forms plus the Jewish Labor Committee report will be of aid to you.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosures.

EFV:fcl

November 15, 1957

Mr. M. A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Enclosed is a copy of the Nominating Committee's report as approved by the Council. Particularly in the case of new members, it is well to be careful about using the names until acceptances have been secured. I believe we can safely use the names of those person re-elected.

Let me take this opportunity to say for myself and the other staff members how grateful we are for the leadership you have given the Council and how much we have enjoyed working with you as presidant. I hasten to say also that we are looking forward to a continued close relationship, both on the professional and personal levels.

With best regards always,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure.

November 15, 1957

Miss Anna Holden
Department of Sociology
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Anna:

A hasty note for a big favor. Could you spare a copy of your thesis for use here in Atlanta? It would be a big help in furnishing background information on problems of interest at this point. If securing this from North Carolina is easier please say so, and tell me how.

Margaret and I greatly enjoyed getting to see you while you were in town for Mrs. Tilly's meeting.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

(Dictated by Emory Via but signed in his absence.)

EFV:fcl

M E M O R A N D U M :

November 15, 1957

To: Harold C. Fleming

From: Emory F. Via

Re: Letter from Ping Ferry

No concrete suggestions at this point. That the economic area needs attention and further financing and staffing is self-evident. I don't have a clear picture of how restricted credit is at this time, except in specific boycott situations. Personally I would plump for money going in a different direction, still on the economic front, except for an emergency fund which would probably not have to be too sizeable. I will attempt to make the wheels turn further. By all means let us keep "them" on the hook.

November 15, 1957

Mr. Thomas McCalmont
c/o The Atlantan Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Brother McCalmont:

This is a note to welcome you to Atlanta and to offer to be of such service as you may wish while you are here. You will probably have already met and talked with Thomas Roland before receiving this note. He is, of course, primarily responsible for your schedule while you are in Atlanta. Mr. Baughman of the International Woodworkers is out of town as you perhaps already know.

Miss Katherine C. Bleckley of the English Speaking Union is expecting to have dinner with you on Tuesday evening; of course such a plan should still be at the discretion of you and Mr. Roland. In any event Mr. Roland knows how to reach Miss Bleckley.

Ernst Linde of the Governmental Affairs Institute indicated you had an interest in race relations and you should feel free to consider the Southern Regional Council as your chief contact in this field. Of course, if you wish to explore with the unionists that you meet how race relations affect their organizations I think that you would get a most interesting picture. Mr. Roland has my phone number and address and I will be happy to meet with you as suits your schedule. I feel certain that Mr. Roland will do an excellent job in getting you in touch with various union persons.

I hope that you will have a pleasant and informative stay here in Atlanta and I look forward to meeting you. On the off-chance that

Mr. Thomas McCalmont. November 15, 1957

Mr. Roland misses you at the air port I am including his address and phone numbers.

Fraternally yours,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Mr. Thomas T. Roland, Financial Secretary
Roofers and Waterproofers Local No. 136
345 Washington Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Geergia.

Phones: JAckson 4 - 7678
MArket 7 - 1166

EFV:fcl

Encls: Augusta Courier article - 11/4/57 (BISHOP MOORE)
Thermofax copy of FIRING LINE - May 15, 1957
FIRING LINE ANALYSIS - 7/8/57
Ga. Comm. on Education smear sheet - HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL
Myles Horton's statement in defense of " " "
FBR statement re: HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL
Speech of Paul H. Douglas - The Congressional Record - July 26, 1957

November 15, 1957

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Enclosed you will find the material relative to attacks on the Council; much of which has found its way to the Board Members of the Wesley Memorial Building. Also enclosed are pertinent answers from the Council, a statement from Myles Horton of Highlander and another copy of the Douglas statement as reprinted in The Congressional Record. If you think of other material or background information which might be helpful, let us know.

We will inform you of the time of the meeting as soon as we are informed. Under any circumstances, the meeting will be held on December 9th here in the Wesley Memorial Building.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures.

November 15, 1957

Mr. I. H. Burney
Secretary
Afro-American Life Insurance Company
P. O. Box 660
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear I. H.:

We are deeply grateful to the Afro-American Life Insurance Company for its contribution to the work of the Southern Regional Council.

These funds are a substantial help to us. No less important, however, is the vote of confidence for our work and aims by you and your associates. Please convey our sincere appreciation to the other members of the firm.

It was a pleasure seeing you on the 12th. I only regret that the admirable efficiency of the Members led to such a brief stay in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official receipt)

November 15, 1957

Father Alexander O. Sigur
P. O. Box 532
S.L.I. Station
Lafayette, Louisiana

Dear Father Sigur:

Under separate cover we are mailing you 100 copies each of The Negro Voter in the South and the October 1957 issue of New South. The "SRC Information" you requested is a little vague. By this did you mean the mimeographed statement "The SRC - A Brief Account of Its Origins and Aims"? This has not been designed for general circulation though if you feel specific Newman Clubs need this, we will supply you with copies.

It was a pleasure meeting you on the 12th. We only regret that you did not have a chance to get by the office. Perhaps you will have an opportunity to get by Atlanta in the not too distant future.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

November 15, 1957

Mrs. Margery T. Ware
Community Organization Secretary
Washington Urban League, Inc.
602 K Street, N.W.
Washington 1, D.C.

Dear Margery:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the manuscript dealing with desegregation in Washington. We are pleased to learn that the writer has up-dated the material.

You state in your closing paragraph that the document, as now drafted, is not materially altered from the copy I have. Unfortunately I have no copy. When you sent a copy to Will Campbell I asked you to send me one also, but I never received one.

If you will send us a revised copy we will be glad to look it over and consider it for publication either by us or some other reputable group.

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

November 15, 1957

Mr. Gustave Falk, Area Director
The American Jewish Committee
523 Fidelity Building
Dallas, 2, Texas

Dear Gus:

Many thanks for your letter of the 13th, with the enclosed check. Thank you too for the kind words about my participation in the AJC meeting.

I trust that things are going well in the Texas inter-agency cooperative effort and that you, Ed Kloppe, and others are hitting hard in the Dallas area. I would suggest that your steering committee get together in the near future and have a progress report on what has thus far been done and plan next steps.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

November 15, 1957

Mrs. Julia F. Jackson
Division of Language, Literature and Art
Morris Brown College
Atlanta 14, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Jackson:

Many thanks for your letter of the 13th and the kinds words about my participation in your "Great Issues" course. That was a lively and stimulating audience and I was impressed with the calibre of the questions they asked. Mike Giles, of the Human Relations Center at New York University, used to say - "if we could ask the right questions we could find solutions to almost all of our problems." Your group asked the right questions.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

November 15, 1957

Mr. Sherwood Ross
6822 S. East End Avenue
Chicago 49, Illinois

Dear Sherwood:

After lo these many months it was good to hear from you again. I was particularly pleased to hear that you are with Ebony magazine. Ebony has been doing a good job and we are particularly pleased with the recent article by the Stokelys on the women of the South.

You asked about Paul: he is now working with the Council as Administrative Assistant. He is doing a bang-up job as you might well expect. He asks that I send you his best regards.

I was mighty pleased with Dante Fascell's stand in the House of Representatives. He is a mighty fine guy and has grown tremendously in this job. In many ways it is a blessing that it was he not I who became the Congressman from the South Florida district.

If your wanderings for Ebony bring you South by all means come see us. Our office is something of a mecca for roving journalists and the amount of material on file is only slightly short of phenomenal.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

November 16, 1957

Mr. C. M. McIntosh
THE AUGUSTA CHRONICLE
News Building
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Mr. McIntosh:

In answer to your letter of November 11th, we are enclosing herewith a listing of desegregated institutions of higher education, both state and private. You will also find enclosed a brochure concerning "Integration North and South," a book which will provide information regarding secondary schools integrated during the period 1954-56. We hope this material will be of use.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bl

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M E M O R A N D U M

November 18, 1957

From: Frederick B. Routh

To: Harold C. Fleming
Paul Anthony
Ruth House Alexander
Faith C. Lawson

During the remainder of this week I will be at the NAIRO Annual Meeting in Kansas City, Missouri. I may be reached at the Pickwick Hotel.

There are no important things left hanging.

November 18, 1957

Mr. Scoop White, Editor
Labor's Daily
701 14th Street
Bettendorf, Iowa

Dear Brother White:

At the request of Ben Segal I am sending you a few items which perhaps could be used either as pictures or special blocks to illustrate the remaining articles in Segal's series on industrialization and unions in the South. In any case, some of these bits might be useful in breaking the solid front of type which the articles as they now stand present.

I would appreciate your returning the original items with the exception of the map which you may have for your own use.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

Items included: Map of the South
LSU Professor cites Southern Union hostility - Lake Charles American Press, November 10, 1957
Southern Crafts item - News Letter of Alabama Labor Council, October 14, 1957
United Southern Employees Association By-laws
Adams-Millis Corporation document concerning formation of a union, October 17, 1956

November 18, 1957

Mrs. Ed A. Albright
Registrar and Assistant Treasurer
Southeast Convention Congregational Christian Churches
673 Piedmont Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 8, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Albright:

Thank you so much for your letter. You will be most welcome to come to our meeting representing Miss Campbell.

I hope Miss Campbell will have a nice rest.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

November 18, 1957

Mr. John Griffin
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear John:

When a person does all you did for my workshop, it is very difficult to find words to express my thanks and the thanks of the women present.

I certainly felt sorry for you because your schedule was so full and it is so far from Emory to Morehouse.

You did us a good job and we are so very appreciative.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

November 18, 1957

Mr. James B. Carey, President
International Union of Electrical,
Radio and Machine Workers
1126 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Jim Carey:

I am delighted with the proposed project and will most certainly give you all the suggestions I have.

Since February 1954--before the May 17 court decision, I have called together the church women leadership of the South; Protestants, Catholics, Jews, members of both races. Now your proposal is so much larger that I am more than willing to fall in line.

You might be interested in a manifesto by the leading ministers of the city of Atlanta.

I am sure that throughout the South, you will find church people that would welcome the Citizens Conference.

Please count on my full support.

With thanks and best wishes to you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encl.

November 18, 1957

Miss Thelma Stevens
Board of Missions of the Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Thelma:

There has been so many serious things heppening here and I suppose you have some echoes of these things from Sadie Tillman. That is why I have failed to write you.

It is wonderful for you to ask me to come to Buckhill Falls in January. I am honored and delighted. I have made reservations at the Inn as you suggested. I won't need travel advance.

It was wonderful to have you here for our workshop. I would not like to have one without you.

We are beginning to follow up now the state workshops. I go to Tuscaloosa Saturday. The Alabama group meets often. This is really the work of Noveen and Mrs. Earl Andrews of the Presbyterian Church.

I am enclosing a copy of the Ministers' Manifesto. You can see our bishop did not sign it. I will write you more fully about affairs here in Georgia in the next day or so.

Love and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

Air Mail & Special

November 18, 1957

Mrs. J. F. Tillman
Board of Missions
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Sadie:

I regret that I failed to enclose two things that you should have had, the statement of Myles Horton and Fred Routh.

You may be interested to know definitely that two pictures in the Georgia Commission on Education paper are made up pictures. They have been analyzed by two of the best photographers in the city of Atlanta.

I will call Mrs. Robinson tonight and ask her if she can be here Wednesday of this week.

Thank you for your interest and understanding.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

Encls.

November 18, 1957

Miss Thelma Stroman, Registrar
Stillman College
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Dear Miss Stroman:

Please make reservation for me for lunch in the cafeteria for Saturday's meeting of "The Fellowship of the Concerned."

Thanks and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

Signed in Mrs. Tilly's absence

November 18, 1957

Mrs. Agnes Doughty
Labor Education Division
Roosevelt University
430 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Agnes:

The enclosed clip is of some interest to me. If you have any information on the meeting itself or the person at whose home it was held I would be interested.

Margaret and I are getting settled in our newly rented place in Decatur. All has been going well with us thus far. We frequently find ourselves planning ways and means of getting to Chicago for a visit. We trust that all goes well with the Doughtys and send our best personal wishes to you. Please give our regards to Frank and family.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

November 18, 1957

Miss Patricia Newell
Publicity Director
Rinehart and Company Inc.
232 Madison Avenue
New York 16, N.Y.

Dear Miss Newell:

I shall be delighted to receive an advance copy of Neither Black Nor White by Wilma Dykeman and James Stokely. They are both good friends of mine and I had the pleasure of introducing them to many of the people whom they interviewed in preparing their book. I shall be happy to make comments upon it and get them off to you after I have had time to read the book with some care. Thank you for the courtesy of the advance copy.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

November 18, 1957

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Services Inc.
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Court:

Marion Wright is in the office and I shall pass on your letter so that he will be fully advised of the action you have taken regarding NAIRO.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

(Dictated by Fred Routh but signed in his absence)

FBR:fcl

November 18, 1957

Mr. Harry J. Kelley
Manager Industrial Relations
American Seating Company
Grand Rapids 2, Michigan

Dear Harry:

Thank you for your note of November 14th requesting a copy of my presentation at the FEPC meeting at Haven Hill Lodge. Unfortunately it has never been written out, but I am enclosing some material which I think will be of use to you.

Best perscnal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
(Dictated by Fred Routh but signed in his absence)

Enclosures.

FBR:fcl

Material sent to the above:

A brief history of SRC
The Negro Voter in the South
The South of Promise
Changing Patterns

November 18, 1957

Miss Patsey Yancey
Box 676
Langdale, Alabama

Dear Patsey:

It was wonderful to have you with us. You did us a splendid job and put hope and courage into us.

When you are older, we hope you will find the world better than it is today, because you and young people like you will make it so.

Thank you very much Patsey.

Best wishes for you in your school and in your church.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

November 18, 1957

Dr. Clinton Gardner
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Dr. Gardner:

This note of thanks to you has been delayed because of many things, but mostly because I have been fighting to keep from falling victim to the prevailing virus which we attribute to Asia.

You were most gracious to come to us and share your good thinking with us. I have had some echoes in letters from some of the women.

We hope real soon to have the gleanings ready to be mailed out. Altogether it was a good workshop and you did much to make it so.

Thanks and best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

November 18, 1957

Miss Lucy Perkins Carner
205 West Tulpehocken Street
Philadelphia 44, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Carner:

Your recent letter has been referred to me since Dr. Mitchell has retired and now lives in Scotland.

Listed below are the minimum salaries and the minimum yearly increases for the Council's professional staff. These figures are established as the base on which salaries are determined by the Personnel Committee and do not, therefore, necessarily represent either the starting salaries or the yearly increases of a particular position.

Position	Minimum Salary	Minimum Yearly Increase
Executive Director	$10,000	
Asst. Director	7,000	$250.00
Secretary-Treasurer	5,000	200.00
Director of Information	6,000	200.00
Administrative Assistant	6,000	200.00
Director of Women's Work	5,000	200.00
Research Assistant	4,000	200.00
Field Services Assistant	5,000	200.00

The Council employs, on occasions, consultants, field workers and trained persons for fact-finding projects. The established fee for consultants is $35.00 per day. In securing the services of professionals, generally, the Council attempts to meet the norman scale of remuneration for specific individuals and services.

The above mentioned information is not particularly confidential though I am sure you will handle it with proper discretion.

If we can be of further help to you, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

November 19, 1957

Mr. Herman Roether
American Friends Service Committee
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Herman:

Greetings, and can you give me some information? We are currently working with other agencies and individuals in developing an overall view of race relations in the Atlanta area. This information is to be used for background purposes and it may be treated as confidentially as desired. One of the items which we feel would be helpful for us to have is a report on the experiences of the various interns in industry projects held in Atlanta by the AFSC. Specifically, we would be interested in the kind of reception that the intern projects received and especially as related to its interracial make-up and its being housed on a Negro college campus.

Such matters as acceptance and rejection by individual employers, any industry patterns, degree of acceptance on the job, and any relations with unions, would be of interest to us. Also information regarding housing and recreation problems, the exploration for facilities, and the successes in this general area.

I know that this is a large size order, especially if there are no formal reports pulled together; but this is information of real interest to us and I would like to urge you to do what you can to

Continued . . .

Mr. Herman Roether November 19, 1957

supply it within the limits of the possible.

Margaret and I are in a newly rented house in Decatur, Georgia, half way through the settling process, and happy. Come South again and receive some of the Via brand of Southern hospitality - a warm welcome sans all gentility.

Love to Kathy and regards to all good (F) friends.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

November 19, 1957

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

As you no doubt recall, you agreed to contact Mr. Miller and requested that we draft an appropriate letter for that purpose. Enclosed you will find our draft of such a letter and the appropriate enclosures which we think Mr. Miller might like to receive.

We have prepared this letter for your signature in the event that you find it satisfactory and want to mail it immediately. Needless to say, we assume you will feel free to make any changes you see fit. If there are changes and you would like to have us retype the letter, we will be happy to do so.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures

Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina
November 19, 1957

Colonel Francis Pickens Miller
Box 3665
University Station
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Colonel Miller:

I have requested the pleasant task of informing you of an action taken by the Annual Meeting of the Southern Regional Council last week. It was the unanimous vote of the meeting that you be invited to membership on the Council's governing body.

To this invitation from the Board I should like to add my personal hope that we may count on your acceptance. There has never been a time when we needed wiser or more devoted leadership than now. Your experience and commitment in this field will give your service special value to the Council in these demanding times.

I might add that this action is of particular importance to me since, at the same meeting, I was elected to the Presidency of the Council. And, as surely you can understand, I am anxious to have the counsel and guidance of a good fellow Presbyterian!

I am enclosing materials which describe the aims, background, and current activities of the Council. If you would like further information on any point, please don't hesitate to call on me. I have served on the Board of the Council and worked with its staff for many years. I have found it to be a good and rewarding

activity and think you will find in this association the same satisfaction.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

James M. Dabbs
President

JMD/mf
Enclosures : NEW SOUTH - October, 1957
List of Board Members - July 1, 1957
Congressional Record Reprint
Semi-annual Report

November 19, 1957

Mr. William Baggs
Editor
THE MIAMI DAILY NEWS
P. O. Box 2410
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Baggs:

It is my pleasant duty to inform you of an action taken by the Annual Meeting of the Southern Regional Council last week. It was the unanimous vote of the meeting that you be invited to membership on the Council's governing body.

To this invitation from the Board I should like to add my personal hope that we may count on your acceptance. There has never been a time when we needed wiser or more devoted leadership than now. Your experience and commitment in this field will give your service special value to the Council in these demanding times.

I am enclosing materials which describe the aim, background, and current activities of the Council. If you would like further information on any point, please don't hesitate to call on me.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 3

Encls: Congressional Record Reprint, Semi-annual Report, List of Board Members (July 1, 1957)

Same ltr. sent to:
NewNominees for Board Membership

S. E. Duncan
William Baggs
James A. Colston
Fred Darragh
Mrs. Austin Kimball
~~Benj~~
Benjamin Muse
Samuel Proctor
Walter Sharp
James Stokely
Dan Whitsett
Bell Wiley
Stephen Wright

November 19, 1957

Mrs. L. C. Bates
1804 Bishop Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Bates:

It is my pleasant duty to notify you of an action taken by the Annual Meeting of the Southern Regional Council last week. It was the unanimous vote of the meeting that you be re-elected as a regular member of the Council's governing body for a four-year term.

To this invitation from the Board I want to add my personal hope that we may count on your acceptance. There has never been a time when we needed wiser or more devoted leadership than now. Your experience and commitment in this field give your service special value to the Council in these demanding times.

I will look forward to hearing from you. Meanwhile, warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Same ltr. sent to:

Nominees for Re-election to Board Membership

Mrs. L. C. Bates
W. Carroll Brooke
Hodding Carter
C. S. Cartwright
Mrs. James S. Crate
Jerome Crossman
Caxton Doggett
Guy B. Johnson
Z. A. Looby
~~Benjami~~
A. C. Miller
L. D. Milton
A. G. Moron
E. C. Peters
J. L. Reddix
Mrs. E. U. Robinson
Dorcas Ruthenberg
Courtney Siceloff
H. C. Trenholm
Raymond Wheeler
Paul D. Williams
Thomas W. Young

November 19, 1957

Mr. J. Oscar Lee
National Council of the Churches of
Christ in the U.S.A.
Division of Christian Life and Work
Department of Racial and Cultural Relations
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Oscar:

Thanks for your letter of November 15. I am complimented by the Nominating Committee's action and, if re-elected, will be glad to serve on the Executive Committee of CCD.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Materials sent under separate cover:
A Southern Negro's View of the South
Group Belongingness and Authoritarianism in Southern Negroes
Survey Graphic - January, 1947

November 19, 1957

Miss Kay Bartle
1080 - 22nd Street
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Miss Bartle:

Please forgive our delay in answering your letter of November 7th. We have no information for distribution regarding your research topic, "Attitudes of Negroes to Desegregation"; however, we are forwarding under separate cover some material from our reference files which you may find helpful.

In all probability, your city library will prove a better source of information. Gunnar Myrdal's "An American Dilemma," although written in 1944, is still a valid and comprehensive reference. A report of the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry (G. A. P. Report No. 37, $1.00, 1790 Broadway, New York 19, New York), "Psychiatric Aspects of School Desegregation," may be worth ordering, although prejudiced attitudes and behavior patterns of whites are somewhat emphasized.

Corrected on original

Bibliographies and research digests in our office indicate that there is a scarcity of published material specifically concerning your area of research.

I am sorry we cannot supply you with more useful material.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bl

November 20, 1957

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

It is my pleasant duty to extend an invitation to you on behalf of the governing body of the Southern Regional Council. At the Annual Meeting held last week, it was unanimously voted that you be invited to membership.

To the Board's invitation, I would like to add an expression of my own gratification at this action and my hope that you will find it possible to accept. I know that this position brings with it little except headaches in Mississippi today, but it is offered out of our deep appreciation for the courage and leadership you have consistently given to the Council and to others.

I will look forward hopefully to word from you. Meanwhile, warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 20, 1957

Dr. Henry David
National Manpower Commission
Columbia University
New York, New York

Dear Dr. David:

We are seeking reliable predictions on the use and depletion of the labor force during the next ten years. Specifically, we wish to determine when the utilization of the white manpower pool will be so complete that it will be a matter of economic necessity to utilize Negroes in increasing numbers on equal terms with whites. We would like projections based on race, and, if possible, divided into regions, since we are concerned with Southern as well as national trends.

Any information you might furnish would be greatly appreciated. Please bill us for any charges on printed matter.

Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bl

Blind Copy: Emory F. Via

November 20, 1957

Mr. Frank Loescher
414 South 46th Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

We've been swamped here - among other things by our annual meeting. This is a hasty attempt to catch up on a variety of things.

(1) Dabbs is our new president. I'll send you a list of the Board as newly constituted as soon as the acceptances are in.

(2) The interagency meeting went well, I think, and we were glad to have Jean Fairfax with us. I'll see that you get the minutes when they are ready.

(3) Fortunately, I caught and corrected "Kreel" before the letter went off to the Brothers Fund! We just failed to correct it on the carbon you received.

(4) I'm grateful for your note about Dave's expectations. I have written him to ask if a request is now timely and, if so, to give me any advice he can on what will fit the framework.

(5) I'd like to meet Paffrath. It's not exactly related, but you'll be interested to know that the Carnegie Corporation has steered a Professor S. P. Olivier of Capetown

University to us.

(6) Marion Wright didn't get a chance to discuss SRC with Mr. Evans at their recent meeting. He proposes to write Paul Brown and ask him to sound out the situation. I don't know whether or not this is an effective first step, but we will follow through one way or another.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 20, 1957

Mrs. Myra Jones Bryant
432 - 12th Terrace
North Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Bryant:

We regret that you were unable to be with us on November 12th. It was a good and productive annual meeting, as you will see from the minutes which we hope to get off to you soon.

As you may not know, you are a member of the "class of '59"; therefore, your name did not, of course, come up for re-election. I note on checking our files that we do not have a formal biographical data sheet for you. Would you, at your convenience, please fill in and return to us the enclosed sheet.

I trust Mr. Bryant is much improved and that you will have an opportunity to visit us here in the not-too-distant future.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

November 20, 1957

Mrs. Ruby Hurley
Southeast Regional Director - NAACP
859 Hunter Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ruby:

Here's another testimonial to the sober, responsible press.

Morin was by our office, but nobody remembers this quote - certainly not in the form of brilliant repartee to your statement.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Article from Asheville Citizen - 11/17/57)

November 20, 1957

Dr. Jesse W. Veatch
District Superintendent
The Methodist Church
801 Vernon Street
LaGrange, Georgia

Dear Dr. Veatch:

Thank you for your kind letter of November 15. We welcome and appreciate the opportunity to discuss the criticisms of the Southern Regional Council with the Board of Trustees.

I have not yet received the material which you mentioned. However, I have spoken to Dr. Rumble about the matter and he assures me that the material will be forthcoming soon.

Naturally, we are distressed that the Southern Regional Council's tenancy in the Wesley Memorial Building has occasioned difficulty for the Bishop and the Trustees. We are eager to give every assistance to a fair and proper determination of this matter.

With kindest regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 20, 1957

Mr. James T. McCain
Field Secretary
Congress of Racial Equality
38 Park Row
New York 38, New York

Dear Jim:

I was glad to have your letter and to learn that you expect to be assisting registration in South Carolina again soon. This is a crucial effort, in which your skill and experience are much needed.

We are sending a copy of The Negro Voter to Mr. Oldham, as you requested.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Same ltr. to Duncan Hunter

November 20, 1957

Dr. B. R. Brazeal
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Brazeal:

I have the pleasant duty to inform you, on behalf of the Board, of your re-election as a regular member, as well as your re-election to the Executive Committee.

It was a matter of regret to the Council, and to me personally, that through a technicality we lost your valuable participation in the Annual Meeting. The Meeting went very well, and everyone present seemed highly pleased with the way the Executive Committee and the staff have discharged their responsibilities during the past year.

I trust that we may count on your acceptance of membership on the Board and the Executive Committee, and I am looking forward to continuing our work together.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 20, 1957

Mr. Roger H. Crook
Department of Religion
Meredith College
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Crook:

I am very sorry that illness and travel have caused this long delay in replying to your letter.

I recall very well how eager Dr. Mitchell was that your manuscript be published, and am very sorry to learn that the Broadman Press has turned it down.

Others of us here would be glad to read the manuscript and make any suggestions that occur to us. But lest we sail under false colors, I feel you should know that the Council, unfortunately, is unable to undertake any publishing venture as ambitious as this would necessarily be.

If you can spare a copy of your manuscript without hampering your approaches to possible publishers, we shall be glad to read it and make such suggestions as we can.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL

November 20, 1957

Mr. David F. Freeman
Rumson,
New Jersey

Dear Dave:

I'm not sure where we stand on the Aaron Norman Fund. Is it now timely for us to submit a request? If so, I will greatly appreciate any words of guidance you can give me in the light of your recent conferences with the family.

We spoke of two possible projects - interagency coordination and updating "Integration North and South." Do you still feel that one of these would be appropriate?

Incidentally, you were exactly right about the Boston law firm - Adam knows a member of the firm and has written him for any information he can supply on the Emerson estate.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL

November 20, 1957

Mr. Alex Morisey
American Friends Service Committee
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Alex:

I'm sorry I didn't have a chance to communicate with you after receiving your letter on Friday. As you will know by now, I wasn't able to make it to Tuesday's meeting. I did have a chance to tell Harry Fleishman by telephone that (a) I don't feel there is any overlapping of the fact-finding project and the mass media analysis, and (b) I'll be glad to support a proposal to the Sidney Hillman Fund in every way I can.

Let me know what was decided at the meeting and how we can lend a hand.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 20, 1957

Mr. Leo J. Zuber
2794 North Decatur Road
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Leo:

Many thanks for the clip from The Catholic Messenger. I have heard of the paper and am flattered to find myself sounding so militant in its columns.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 20, 1957

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
Doubleday & Company, Inc.
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Adam:

Many thanks for writing your friend Bob Haydock about the Emerson estate. Any information he can supply will be of great help to us.

I talked to Baldwin when he was here and was impressed by what I took to be his approach to the problem. He hasn't had an article in LOOK yet, has he? That would help me judge the value of a full-dress treatment by him. In general, I like the idea but don't know enough at this point to offer an opinion.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 20, 1957

Dr. John W. Davis
Special Director
Teacher Information and Security
NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.
107 West 43rd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Dr. Davis:

I am sorry that travel and illness have combined to delay my answering your letter of November 6.

We should be glad to have an opportunity to circularize your list of key persons as to the availability of "The Negro Voter in the South." If you care to lend us the list for this purpose, we shall be glad to return it to you after use.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Sent copy in hands of HCF.

November 20, 1957

Mr. H. B. Sissel
Associate Secretary
The Board of Christian Education of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
Department of Social Education and Action
830 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Ben:

Thanks for your machine-made letter (it sounded quite human to me), concerning the consultation on December 19 and 20. I am glad to be included and will let you know well ahead when I expect to arrive.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 20, 1957

Colonel H. Sam Priest
President
Board of Police Commissioners
1200 Clark Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Colonel Priest:

My apologies for this delay in writing you, but I have been alternatively involved in illness and conferences ever since I returned to Atlanta.

First let me express my warm appreciation for the hospitality and enlightenment I received at the hands of you and your associates. It was, for me, a most pleasant experience.

While I was impressed by the magnitude of St. Louis's problems, I was even more impressed by the determined and intelligent fashion in which the Police Department and representatives of the community are searching for sound solutions. Most of my impressions are obvious ones which were discussed rather thoroughly while I was there. But, for what they are worth, I will try to sum them up briefly.

The high incidence of crime in predominantly Negro areas of the city, the seasonal increase expected about now, and the steps being taken to meet it are viewed more as a public relations problem than as a problem of police performance. The joint meeting of Police Department officials and the Police-Community Relations Executive Committee seemed to me a very

sound beginning toward averting any misunderstandings. A few observations:

(1) Our experience in the South has convinced us that the guiding principle in such situations should be the inclusion in planning and consultation of influential Negro leadership -- particularly those who are most inclined to be disturbed or critical. Much of the uneasiness arises out of the general exclusion of Negro leadership from the decision-making process. In this regard, Mr. Bohannon's suggestion was very much to the point -- that is, a meeting at which the local Negro editors, leaders of the NAACP and other such groups would be informed of the immediate problem and the Police Department's general plans for meeting it; and, in turn, would have a chance to air their doubts and gain reassurance. (The discussion between Mr. Bohannon and others at the meeting -- notably the two line captains -- was an excellent example of this process.)

(2) The importance of the facts themselves, as compiled by Captain Aylesword and Mr. Dickey, can't be underestimated. The information now on pin maps could be used with great effectiveness, in graphic form, with the district police-community relations committees and any meetings of citywide leadership. As Mr. Schwartz pointed out, this may be just what is needed to give the district committees a sharper focus and incentive to step up their activities.

(3) It seems to be generally agreed that one of the problems of the district committees is the type of community leadership to be involved. The present representation seems to run to "professional" persons who are somewhat removed from the day-to-day life of their neighborhoods. Involving the "natural," less sophisticated leadership is a difficult job, but might be well worth an effort. I suggested to Mr. McCrory that it might be useful for each of the district committees to make a detailed inventory of problem spots in its district, as a basis for planning their corrective programs. Perhaps the identification of more down-to-earth neighborhood leaders -- the law-abiding ones, of course! -- could be a by-product of such inventories.

(4) Any long-range approach to the areas of high crime incidence is less a police problem than a problem for community agencies concerned with housing, health, employment, recreation, and welfare. It would be a tribute to the leadership of the police-community relations group, however, if it should stimulate a broad-gauged, concerted attack on these problems by the appropriate groups in St. Louis. It would be presumptuous of me, after such a short exposure, to do more than suggest the bare

idea. If the idea is judged as having merit, St. Louis has plenty of resources for detailed planning and execution of it. But it does strike me that the findings of the Police Department might provide a springboard for such a mobilization of community-wide effort. Perhaps the conference suggested by Mr. Bohannon could serve as a beginning. Perhaps the first stage could take the form of a community audit or self-survey. There are many ways in which it could be done, given sufficient interest and leadership. The city's excellent newspapers would be a great asset in such an undertaking.

St. Louis has set a fine example for other cities in its handling of school integration. The problems considered here are also common to many large cities, within and outside the South. If St. Louis could again blaze the way in this area, it would make a tremendous contribution to the unity and welfare of the country.

I hope there random comments are of some value to you and your associates. Again, my thanks for a valuable experience, and my warm personal regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Statement of Expenses)
cc: Mr. Martin Quigley
P. S. I am still looking for the best material on the migrant population and will write you again soon on that subject.

H.C.F.

STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

Visit to St. Louis, October 30-31, 1957

Eastern Air Lines Fare	$ 71.50
Airport Transportation (Atlanta)	2.70
The Chase Hotel	15.56
TOTAL:	$ 89.76

Signed: _____
Harold C. Fleming

November 20, 1957

Mr. C. M. Shaw, Director
Department of Education
Louisiana State Labor Council, AFL-CIO
427 Ricou-Brewster Building
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Carol:

Thanks for getting the coat to me. I trust that the reactions to the Lake Charles institute were good and that your further institutes are coming along in grand style.

I look forward to working with you again.

Fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

November 20, 1957

Reverend Colbert S. Cartwright
Pulaski Heights Christian Church
Hillcrest and Spruce
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Cartwright:

Thank you for your response to my letter concerning an article for NEW SOUTH. I shall attempt to answer your questions in the order in which they were asked in your letter.

Yes I think that the article should concentrate on what can be done from day to day whatever the local situation may be, but particular reference might be made to the crisis situations as they have developed in the South. I would like an article to lean toward the possibility of getting ministers to do something to keep crisis situations from developing.

I do think this article should be concerned with the white ministers in the South, but their relationship with Negro ministers should also be included. The instances of actions taken by individual ministers and/or groups which you mentioned in your letter are the kind of concrete examples which we are looking for, and which should be very valuable to the proposed article.

The article can be anywhere from 1500 to 2500 words in length according to your personal desire. I hesitate setting a deadline since I know you must be as pressed as anyone else; but if I could have a first draft by or about the last of the first week in December I would appreciate it. Of course if you need a longer period, you may have it.

It was interesting to read about the situation in your own church. I think your experiences have qualified you to write concerning this situation, and I hope "you will weather the storm all right."

I am already looking forward to receiving your article.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Same letter sent to:
Mrs. E. K. Witt
Mrs. J. R. Beach

November 20, 1957

Mrs. L. J. Dennisson
455 Mt. Paran Road, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Dennisson:

Since our workshop of "The Fellowship of the Concerned," certain other things of a serious nature have arisen. There is an increasing effort to make it impossible for Negroes to register. The legislatures meeting the first of the year bid fair to accept the proposals certain groups are offering. This is serious to all of us for it endangers the fran[redacted] of any liberal person (see the proposal for membership in the Democratic Party of Georgia).

The matter is so serious that we felt it necessary to call a group of regional leaders for an all-day meeting on December 12th in the Wesley Memorial Building at 10:30 a.m. This is a most important meeting and we trust that you will find it entirely possible to be with us, for we certainly need those of you who are holding major places in the women's work of your denomination.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

cc: H. B. Sissell

November 20, 1957

Mr. Francis M. Wilhoit
Department of Government
University of Miami
Coral Gables 46, Florida

Dear Mr. Wilhoit:

Your letter to Mr. Harold Fleming concerning the Negro voter has been referred to me.

We are mailing you a copy of our printed report, The Negro Voter in the South. This does contain additional information than does those reports you have already received.

In answer to your second question we are including a breakdown of Negro voting registration in each county in Georgia.

Yes the Georgia Secretary of State does keep a file on county registration statistics, broken down by race, but I understand these are not complete or wholly accurate.

In answer to your last question, no we do not expect to cooperate with the "get-out-the-vote" program of the Georgia Voters League. This type of program has not been included in the Council's agenda. Our emphasis has been and is on getting out all available information concerning this and other problems in race relations.

If we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

November 20, 1957

Mr. J. M. Ellis
Attorney At Law
Oak Hill, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Ellis:

Thank you very much for your letter of November 18. We are mailing you, under separate cover, the six copies of America's Tenth Man as you requested.

I am sorry but we do not have copies of the two books you mentioned, and the book Understanding Our Neighbors is out of print.

However, if we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

November 20, 1957

Mr. Alan S. Meyer, Research Director
New Jersey Youth Study Commission
552 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Mr. Meyer:

Your November 12th letter to Dr. George Mitchell has been referred to me since Dr. Mitchell is no longer with the Southern Regional Council.

I am taking the liberty of sending you a copy of our latest voting report, although you did ask for price before mailing. Since, however, the price of this pamphlet is only twenty-five cents, I thought I might send it along without any previous notice. I am also sending you a copy of our county-by-county figures.

If we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

November 20, 1957

Reverend Claude W. Warren
822 Grand Avenue
Schofield, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Warren:

In answer to your letter concerning information on Oklahoma, the governor's name is Raymond Gary. We do not have specific information on Mr. Gary but I presume he is a liberal governor as his state is proceeding very rapidly with integration.

Your change of address for New South has been noted.

If we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

November 20, 1957

Mrs. Myrtle Williamson
Stillman College
P. O. Drawer 483
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Williamson:

I have just learned today that I had not answered your letter. However, I hope you know that I have made reservation for lunch by writing Mrs. Stroman.

All my expenses are carad for by the Southern Regional Council.

Looking forward to being with you wonderful women of Alabama, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

November 20, 1957

Mr. Will Campbell
National Council of Churches
Race Relations Division
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Campbell:

I regret very much you had to leave the meeting of "The Fellowship of the Concerned" and were not there to hear the findings of the group.

Mrs. Supworth, your reporter, said "I have heard people speak of Christian women now I have met them, recognized their courage and convictions and it means much to me." She then made a splendid report.

We are very grateful for you to take time from your busy schedule to come to us. I really felt that our workshop leaders were the best we could have had. Please accept the thanks the women asked me to give to you.

With deep gratitude and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

November 21, 1957

Miss Marjorie McLachlan
The Selwyn Hotel
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Miss McLachlan:

I am sorry that this response to your enquiry regarding the per thousand cost of the United Church Women's leaflet In the Hearts of Men is so belated and unsatisfactory. From the estimates that are now available it looks as if the leaflet will cost about $25.00 per thousand.

Please remember that I cannot speak for the United Church Women, that there is no definite decision yet to have a re-run, but that I did want to give you some approximate figure in case it would be useful during your Charlotte meetings.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

November 21, 1957

Mr. Stanton E. Smith, President
Tennessee State Labor Council, AFL-CIO
939 Church Street
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Stanton:

It was a good report of the Southern labor schools in the News and Views. Of course the schools themselves are most worthy projects and I wish you continued good success with them.

I trust it won't be too long before I get to Nashville.

Best personal wishes.

Fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

VIA AIR MAIL

November 21, 1957

Mr. Will Maslow
American Jewish Congress
Department of Public Affairs
Stephen Wise Congress House
15 East 84th Street
New York 26, N. Y.

Dear Will:

Thanks for your recent letter suggesting that SRC stage a conference on Negro suffrage in the South. While the proposal in itself is a good one, I think that the objective is being largely achieved down here through more piecemeal methods. Let me summarize these briefly and see if you agree:

(1) The Southern interagency group, which last met on November 5 - 6, spent a good deal of time on the subject of voting. We heard what the NAACP is planning and discussed the parts that each of our agencies could play in the overall effort to increase registration of qualified Negroes.

(2) As you probably know, the NAACP just held a major planning conference on voting here in Atlanta.

(3) SRC is convening a region-wide group of leading white church women to plan ways in which their constituents can be activated as observers at their community registration offices. Our hope is that various of the church women's groups will make this a part of their formal program for the coming year.

(4) Our several agencies are committed to gathering and pooling all evidence they can get on evidence of official intent to disfranchise and actual instances of voting discrimination.

It does occur to me that your idea might better be furthered by a national meeting, with the NAACP and/or one or two of the national agencies as conveners. If such a meeting were undertaken, we'd be glad to cooperate in every way.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 21, 1957

Dr. A. R. Mead
1719 N. W. 6th Avenue
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Dr. Mead:

Thank you for your letter concerning the statement by the 80 Atlanta ministers. I agree with your view that it is a constructive statement which every thoughtful minister should be willing to subscribe to.

I understand it was part of the plan to have only white ministers sign the statement - the thought being that it is the white group that is most delinquent in committing itself to a positive position.

I am enclosing a copy of a newspaper article quoting several ministers who did not sign. I do not know, otherwise, who passed up the opportunity to join in the statement.

I was glad to have a chance to read the thoughtful proposal which you enclosed.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Atl. Const. 11/5/57)

VIA AIR MAIL

November 21, 1957

Mr. W. H. Ferry
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Ping:

Thanks for your recent letter enclosing the Monitor's reprint of the editorial from the Bradenton, Florida, Herald, which, incidentally, we are reprinting in New South.

It seems to me that two questions are involved: (1) assistance to victims of economic pressure and reprisal; and (2) efforts aimed at improving the Negro's position in the Southern economy.

As to the first question, I have some doubt about the need for and effectiveness of large deposits to guarantee loans to Negroes or boycott victims at this time. As far as we can tell, punitive credit restrictions are not a widespread problem at the moment -- though they may become so again. Unfortunately, most of the victims of economic sanctions need relief in the form of outright subsidy rather than loans. There is recurrent talk in interagency circles of getting up a central fund to be prudently administered for this purpose. The Relief and Rehabilitation Committee of CCD, under the co-chairmanship of Oscar Lee and Fay Bennett, operates in this general area.

Some of the Southern consultants to the Commission on Race and Housing feel that there is need for investment of sizeable funds to facilitate favorable housing loans for Negroes. I believe Bob Thompson of the Atlanta Urban League

has been plumping hard for this with Mr. Schwulst.

Programs aimed at expanding job opportunities for Negroes seem to me a more promising approach to the improvements discussed in the Bradenton editorial. You may recall our discussions some time ago about a project that would forecast the development of industry in the South and the point at which Negro manpower will have to be fully utilized if the development is to continue. This would call for a piece of major research; our hope was that it would grow out of our modest fact-finding efforts. Up to now it hasn't, mainly because of the sluggishness of the National Planning Association.

I still feel that such a study, given proper airing of the findings, would do a great deal to change the attitude of Southern employers toward Negro workers. As of now, the Southern Negro is little esteemed as a potential skilled worker because nobody much needs him yet. This lack of regard, as the Bradenton editorial suggests, heavily determines the Negro's poor status in the society.

If it could be clearly demonstrated that the Negro in a few years will be the only hope of continuing industrial growth in the South, many Southern leaders might begin to regard him differently. More employers might be moved to make a beginning in the full utilization of Negro skills. Any such trend would be bound to create an upward spiral in the total condition of Southern Negroes.

This may be far from the point raised in your letter. Perhaps you are thinking exclusively in terms of the leverage available through investment of foundation capital funds. If this is the case, I suggest that the housing field be considered as an appropriate area for trying out the technique. I'll be glad to explore the idea further with knowledgeable people down here if it seems desirable.

In any case, I'm glad to be used as a Dixie sounding-board, so feel free any time it seems worth a try.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 21, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street - Rm. 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thanks for your two recent letters. I know George Mitchell will appreciate the clippings about his father, which we have forwarded to him.

I remember Mr. Shand very well and am sure that he would be an excellent man for the position. Unfortunately, I doubt that any of our leadership could exert any influence in the choice of personnel. What would you think of asking Judge Waring to make the recommendation to Former Justice Stanley Reid, the Commission chairman? There might be every reason why this is not practicable, but I pass the idea along as the only possibility that occurs to me.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. I was distressed to hear of the bombing of Mrs. Sanders' home in Gaffney.

H.C.F.

November 21, 1957

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Glencoe, Argyll
SCOTLAND

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Enclosed are two articles concerning the death of your father which Mrs. Alice Spearman has asked to be forwarded to you. We, like Mrs. Spearman, feel that you would want to keep these two clippings.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Executive Dir.

MF
Enclosures - 2.

November 22, 1957

Mr. David M. Heyman
The New York Foundation
61 Broadway
New York 6, New York

Dear Mr. Heyman:

When I was in New York several weeks ago, you were kind enough to discuss the work of the Southern Regional Council with me by telephone. Following your suggestion at that time, we are submitting the enclosed request for assistance to the general budget of the Southern Regional Council. We did not discuss the Foundation's policy with respect to grants for more than a one-year period. As you will see, we have taken the liberty of asking for support for three years, for reasons which we believe to be convincing. If this is not in order, we shall, of course, be prepared to revise the request appropriately.

I greatly appreciated your interest and helpfulness, especially since I was merely an unexpected telephone caller in the midst of a busy day. Unfortunately, I did not get a chance to see Ken Clark on that trip, but we have been in communication since and his very promising undertaking for us in Little Rock is still on. I know that you and Ken will feel free to call on me for any information and assistance I can give the other Southern project you mentioned to me in passing.

In addition to the proposal itself, I am enclosing other materials which describe reasonably fully the organization, program activities, and finances of the Council. If

further information of any kind would be helpful to your Board in considering our request, please call on me for it.

With appreciation for your consideration and kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures: Proposal to the New York Foundation
Proposed Budget for 1958
Organizational Chart
Partial List of Board Members
Congressional Record Reprint
Semi-Annual Report
Letter of Tax Exemption

A PROPOSAL
TO THE NEW YORK FOUNDATION
FROM THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

November 21, 1957

This is a request that the New York Foundation consider a three-year period of assistance to the work of the Southern Regional Council. In order that this proposal not be unreasonably long, materials describing the Council's history, aims, and activities in some detail are attached. The object here will be to set forth the reasons why we believe the New York Foundation will feel this request is justified, the specific amounts asked for and their relationship to the total financial needs of the Council.

The Situation in the South

So much has been written about race relations in the South that a lengthy essay here would be uncalled-for. We should like to make it clear, however, that the Council takes no despairing view of the prospects in the South. Tremendous historical forces - moral, economic, social, and political - are pressing toward an integrated society. Resistance in parts of the region is powerful and can have catastrophic consequences. But the basic direction of the transition is irreversible. The important questions for any given part of the region are: When? How? At what cost to the human beings involved and to the local, state, and national welfare?

Heartening progress toward integration has been made in the five Border states and the District of Columbia, in Kentucky, in western Texas, and in a few scattered spots in Arkansas, North Carolina, and Tennessee. These areas have provided more than enough evidence that desegregation of schools and other facilities can and does work well, given the necessary leadership.

Unfortunately, in the rest of the South there has been a resolidifying of old attitudes, largely engineered by the political leadership. Defiance is manifested not only in official actions and utterances directed at the Supreme Court and its decisions, but also in punitive measures against individuals and groups who favor a positive or even a more realistic course of action.

Accompanying this official posture have been the growth of the White Citizens Councils and other resistance movements, serious problems in the churches and the labor movement, the deterioration of political campaigns, and in general conformity or silence by many of the responsible elements in the South. The example set by state office-holders and others in high places has stirred excitable rank-and-file Southerners

to violence in several instances - even in parts of Arkansas, Tennessee, and Texas, where integration should have been expected to proceed without a ripple.

Any adequate appraisal of these negative factors must take into account the great concentration of power available to the extreme pro-segregation forces in the deep South. This includes virtually all of the state and local controlling institutions - governors and attorneys-general, legislatures and state created commissions, many grand juries, most of the state and local law enforcement agencies, most Southern congressmen and senators, and, under vigilante pressure, many influential private institutions such as newspapers, business organizations, civic clubs, and the like.

All of this has presented grave problems in national and international terms. The impact of the "Southern revolt" on the prestige of the United States abroad, particularly among Asians and Africans, is of great concern to every thoughtful American. Domestically, the assaults on the authority of the Supreme Court, on respect for law and order, and on recognition of the rights of minority-group citizens are major threats to the national welfare. Pro-segregation laws and administrative actions in the South have seriously eroded such basic civil liberties as freedom of speech, association, and the right to due process of law.

The Role of the Southern Regional Council

This situation imposes a tremendous responsibility on the Southern Regional Council. As the only wholly Southern interracial group with long experience, professional skills, and reputation in the field of race relations, it has had to operate on a broader and more effective scale than ever before, recognizing that it is dealing with causes and effects that are nationwide in scope. The Council's task has included but gone far beyond the stimulation of purely local action. We have felt it essential to assume more leadership in educating and rallying those regional - and sometimes national - forces whose action or in-action at this time is critical.

Lest this sound presumptuous, we hasten to add that we have no illusions that the Council is a causative force, or even, in itself, a powerful one in this vast transition. Its effectiveness must be judged in terms of the strategic importance of its activities in contested situations where the right program at the right time can make a decisive difference. Examples would be the timely release last summer of the Council's findings on Negro suffrage, the support of consultant services to community leadership vacillating between a forward and a backward course, and other activities described in the attached material.

The main functions of the Council may be briefly summed up as follows:

1. State Human Relations Councils. -- The Southern Regional Council has devoted a large part of its resources in the past three years to the creation of staffed interracial organizations in ten of the Southern states. Working against great odds, these state groups have provided instruments through which white and Negro Southerners can express their common belief in a democratic society and work for its achievement at the local and state levels. The Council continues to give both program assistance and financial aid to the state councils.

2. Interagency Cooperation. -- The Council has already, of necessity, assumed a greatly increased responsibility for coordination and clearing-house work with other agencies. This has been in response to the expressed wishes and requests of a number of organizations, including the social action departments of the major religious denominations active in the South, the several Jewish agencies concerned with human relations, the trade unions, and such groups as the American Friends Service Committee, the NAACP, the YMCA, and the YWCA. The Council has four times served as convener of thirty of these agencies for the sharing of ideas and joint program planning. At their request, the Council has also coordinated their concerted field efforts.

3. National Communication. -- The Council has played a central part in the newly formed national Consultative Conference on Desegregation. Through this association and other channels, we have greatly increased communication and cooperation between enlightened Southerners and national forces concerned with desegregation.

4. Federal Agencies. -- The Council is called upon by various departments of the Federal Government for interpretation of Southern problems and for specially assembled information, made possible through our fact-finding program. For example, the Department of Justice requested and was given the complete raw findings of the Council's special survey on the status of Negro suffrage in the South.

5. Interpretation through the Press. -- One of the main assets of the Council has always been its reputation with the press, Southern and national, as a dependable and authoritative source of information about all aspects of race relations in the South. The Council and its parent organization have served as a repository of such information since 1919. Many Southern editors and newspapers whose policies on racial matters are directly opposed to those of the Council are accustomed to relying without question on the Council's information services. This function too has greatly increased and continues to grow with each passing day. It is no exaggeration to say that the Council now serves in this way virtually all of the major national publications and a great many Southern ones. To the newspapers must be added a growing list of radio and television programs.

6. The Consultant Service Program. -- Established as a service to the Council's state affiliates, this program has greatly broadened its scope and usefulness. Within the limit of resources, we are undertaking to make special consultants available to public or private leadership in Southern communities with outstanding problems or opportunities. Within recent months, for example, upon official invitation, the Council has made available the consultative services of a Kentucky county school superintendent, who successfully carried out desegregation, to a local school board in North Carolina beginning quietly to plan for such a change.

7. Victims of Pressure and Reprisal. -- The Council has been heavily concerned with the difficulties of individuals and groups that have undergone abuse, ostracism, and sometimes violence in the segregation controversy. We have helped victims of economic reprisal to secure financial help through such programs as the "Rights of Conscience" project of the American Friends Service Committee. We have helped ministers and teachers, discharged for their dissenting views, to find new positions. We have worked with the interracial community at Koinonia Farm in its efforts to get support and legal counsel that would enable it to continue in Americus, Georgia. Beleaguered newspaper eidtors have also turned to the Council for advice and aid. We are deeply concerned about the impact of hostility and violence on the children, white and Negro, in the forefront of desegregation. Through the investigations of Dr. Kenneth Clark, we are seeking to improve our understanding of the adverse effects of these experiences, and ways in which they can be minimized.

8. Work with Labor. -- Under a special arrangement, the Council has recently acquired the services of a well-qualified staff member bearing the title of Labor Consultant. This staff member's function is to serve as a resource and liaison person with the unions in the South, which hold great promise as an important influence for progress in race relations. Although this position was initially established on a temporary basis, it has already yielded such fruitful results that it has been continued as part of the regular staff structure.

9. Other Functions. -- All of the important activities that the Council has regularly carried on are being expanded and intensified to the limit of resources as the demands on the Council mount. In this category are the work with church women and other women's groups, the maintenance of comprehensive reference files to service a stream of information requests, the distribution of program materials, and the briefing of foreign visitors travelling in the South under the auspices of the State Department and other public and private sponsors.

We do not wish to imply that the Council feels that it has achieved any fixed or final formula for its efforts in the South during the period ahead. As recent experience has made all too clear, the situation is volatile in the extreme. Any realistic approach in this area must be

firmly grounded in recognition of the need for constant reassessment and flexibility. We do feel that we have achieved an orientation, a structure, and a range of staff skills sufficiently versatile to render a major service in this critical period.

Financial Analysis

It need hardly be explained that raising funds for the kind of work carried on by the Council is more difficult in the South today than ever before. At a time when the need for expanded activities is critical, an unprecedented amount of new support must be secured.

Through a generous terminal grant from the Fund for the Republic, the Council has in hand approximately one-third of its minimum budget for the next three years. Even so, this leaves an aggregate total of some $400,000 to be raised from other sources. At the end of this proposal is a budget which shows the dimensions of this task for 1958.

We are proposing a three-year grant period for two reasons. First, in our opinion the next three years will be crucial in determining the future pattern of race relations in the South. Despite the tension and difficulties of the last few years, the situation has not yet crystallized; it will do so as further court decisions and the possible spread of violence bring the issues to a head. Thus what is done or not done during the next three years will probably set the framework in which the longer-range working out of desegregation will take place. If this is true, it clearly follows that this is the period in which to make the most effective contribution of which this organization is capable.

Second, we earnestly believe that sound program planning and able staffing demand a stable financial base for a substantial period ahead. The Council is fortunate in having a remarkably devoted and well-qualified staff, but we cannot expect to hold such people or to make maximum use of their skills if the financial structure of the organization is not secure for a reasonable future period.

In the light of the budgetary needs presented, we hope that the New York Foundation will favorably consider a grant to the Council of $15,000 for 1958, and a prospect of additional support in the diminishing amounts of $10,000 and $7,500 during 1959 and 1960, respectively. Naturally we should expect grants for the latter two years to be contingent on a satisfactory showing of performance by the Council at the beginning of each new grant year.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

PROPOSED BUDGET - January 1 - December 31, 1958

I. Expenses:

Central Office - Program and Administration

Salaries	$77,518.00	
Social Security Taxes	1,450.00	
Travel	9,500.00	
Printing & Postage, NEW SOUTH	8,150.00	
Printing, Other	1,500.00	
Rent	2,680.00	
Telephone & Telegraph	3,800.00	
Postage	1,800.00	
Books, Subscriptions & Films	750.00	
Accounting & Legal Fees	600.00	
Insurance	300.00	
Office Supplies & Equipment	4,800.00	
Annual Mtg. & Exec. Comm. Mtgs.	3,300.00	
Miscellaneous	2,200.00	
		$118,348.00

Consultant Service Program

Total Cost of Program	20,000.00	
Apprentice Training Project	3,750.00	
		23,750.00

Fellowship of the Concerned

Travel, State Mtgs. & Material Distribution	5,500.00	
Salaries & Travel Expenses (One Churchwoman in each of five states)	5,000.00	
		10,500.00

Financial Aid to State Organizations

(Independent State Councils of Human Relations)	40,000.00	
		40,000.00

Fact-Finding Program

Consultant Fees, Research & Publication of Findings	15,000.00	
		15,000.00

TOTAL: $207,598.00

II. Income - Expectable:

Foundations

Fund for the Republic (On Hand)	$76,800.00	
Community Workshop Association	100.00	
N. Y. Fund for Children (Committed)	7,500.00	
New World Foundation	20,000.00	
New World Foundation (Apprentice Training Program)	3,750.00	
Phelps-Stokes Fund	2,000.00	
Christopher Reynolds Foundation	5,000.00	
Sigmund Silberman Foundation	400.00	
Edgar B. Stern Family Fund	300.00	
John Hay Whitney Foundation	2,000.00	
William C. Whitney Foundation	5,000.00	
		$122,850.00

Organizations

AFL-CIO	3,000.00	
International Ladies' Garment Workers	500.00	
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		5,500.00

Churches

National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church	1,000.00	
General Board of Education The Methodist Church	300.00	
Div. of Nat'l. Missions of the Board of Missions - The Methodist Church	1,000.00	
WSCS - The Methodist Church	1,200.00	
Board of Church Extension, Presbyterian Church in U.S.	250.00	
Board of Nat'l. Missions, Presbyterian Church in U.S.A.	250.00	
		4,000.00

Estimated Individual Contributions	2,000.00	
		2,000.00

Estimated Office Related Income

(New South Subscriptions, sale of literature, honoraria, etc.)	8,500.00	
		8,500.00
	TOTAL:	$142,850.00

III. BALANCE TO BE RAISED - 1958 $64,748.00

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . ~~GEORGE S. MITCHELL~~ . .

Encls. to Proposal to the New York Foundation

List of Board of Directors

Organizational Chart of SRC Structure

Semi-Annual Report (With South of Promise Cover)

Congressional Record Reprint - July 26, 1957
(Paul H. Douglas' Speech)

Proposed Budget - Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 1958
(Special budget prepared for distribution)

Ltr. of Tax Exemption

November 22, 1957

Mr. Earl Henderson
c/o Mr. John Bateman
1413 Hudson Street
Orlando, Florida

Dear Earl:

Enclosed are a list of our contacts in Orlando and two news clips which indicate some of the kinds of things that have been done and said in that community relative to race relations.

Unfortunately without Fred Routh in the office the names are unevaluated, but later we can check with him and Bill Williams, the Director of the Florida Council on Human Relations, about these and other contacts. The Rev. John Fuller is Chairman of the local group and I would suggest that a talk with him even this early in the game might give you a general view of the situation in Orlando and some idea of the positive forces at work there. The last name on the list is one suggested by the regional Urban League office.

I trust that this information will be of some use to you, and you know that we are ready to cooperate with you in any constructive efforts in that and other areas. I will attempt to keep you informed of developments in Norfolk, but Jack Marion is still your best contact for that situation, and I will do some follow-up regarding your suggestions for Charlotte and the Douglas missiles plant.

It was certainly good to see you in Atlanta, even if only for a rushed time.

Best personal wishes,

Fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosures.

EFV:fcl

November 22, 1957

Mr. Edwin Wolf, 2nd
Curator, Pennsylvania Library
Ridgway Library
Board and Christian Streets
Philadelphia 47, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Wolf:

When I was in New York recently, I had an opportunity to discuss with Dr. Buell Gallagher the possibility of assistance from the Jacob R. Schiff Fund to the work of the Southern Regional Council.

At Dr. Gallagher's suggestion, I am sending copies of the enclosed proposal to you and Dr. Kirk, as well as to Dr. Gallagher himself. If there is further information that would assist you in considering our request, please call on me for it.

I believe you are acquainted with Dr. Frank Loescher of Philadelphia, and he may perhaps have spoken to you about the work of the Southern Regional Council. In any case, I am sure he would be happy to add his own comments to our proposal if you care to discuss it with him.

Our thanks for your consideration, and every good wish.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

A PROPOSAL
TO THE JACOB R. SCHIFF FUND
FROM THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

November 22, 1957

This is a request that the Jacob R. Schiff Fund consider a grant in support of the work of the Southern Regional Council. In order that this proposal not be unreasonably long, materials describing the Council's history, aims, and activities in some detail are attached. The object here will be to set forth the reasons why we believe the Fund will feel this request is justified, the specific amounts asked for and their relationship to the total financial needs of the Council.

The Situation in the South

So much has been written about race relations in the South that a lengthy essay here would be uncalled-for. We should like to make it clear, however, that the Council takes no despairing view of the prospects in the South. Tremendous historical forces - moral, economic, social, and political - are pressing toward an integrated society. Resistance in parts of the region is powerful and can have catastrophic consequences. But the basic direction of the transition is irreversible. The important questions for any given part of the region are: When? How? At what cost to the human beings involved and to the local, state, and national welfare?

Heartening progress toward integration has been made in the five Border states and the District of Columbia, in Kentucky, in western Texas, and in a few scattered spots in Arkansas, North Carolina, and Tennessee. These areas have provided more than enough evidence that desegregation of schools and other facilities can and does work well, given the necessary leadership.

Unfortunately, in the rest of the South there has been a resolidifying of old attitudes, largely engineered by the political leadership. Defiance is manifested not only in official actions and utterances directed at the Supreme Court and its decisions, but also in punitive measures against individuals and groups who favor a positive or even a more realistic course of action.

Accompanying this official posture have been the growth of the White Citizens Councils and other resistance movements, serious problems in the churches and the labor movement, the deterioration of political campaigns, and in general conformity or silence by many of the responsible elements in the South. The example set by state office-holders and others in high places has stirred excitable rank-and-file Southerners

to violence in several instances - even in parts of Arkansas, Tennessee, and Texas, where integration should have been expected to proceed without a ripple.

Any adequate appraisal of these negative factors must take into account the great concentration of power available to the extreme pro-segregation forces in the deep South. This includes virtually all of the state and local controlling institutions - governors and attorneys-general, legislatures and state created commissions, many grand juries, most of the state and local law enforcement agencies, most Southern congressmen and senators, and, under vigilante pressure, many influential private institutions such as newspapers, business organizations, civic clubs, and the like.

All of this has presented grave problems in national and international terms. The impact of the "Southern revolt" on the prestige of the United States abroad, particularly among Asians and Africans, is of great concern to every thoughtful American. Domestically, the assaults on the authority of the Supreme Court, on respect for law and order, and on recognition of the rights of minority-group citizens are major threats to the national welfare. Pro-segregation laws and administrative actions in the South have seriously eroded such basic civil liberties as freedom of speech, association, and the right to due process of law.

The Role of the Southern Regional Council

This situation imposes a tremendous responsibility on the Southern Regional Council. As the only wholly Southern interracial group with long experience, professional skills, and reputation in the field of race relations, it has had to operate on a broader and more effective scale than ever before, recognizing that it is dealing with causes and effects that are nationwide in scope. The Council's task has included but gone far beyond the stimulation of purely local action. We have felt it essential to assume more leadership in educating and rallying those regional - and sometimes national - forces whose action or inaction at this time is critical.

Lest this sound presumptuous, we hasten to add that we have no illusions that the Council is a causative force, or even, in itself, a powerful one in this vast transition. Its effectiveness must be judged in terms of the strategic importance of its activities in contested situations where the right program at the right time can make a decisive difference. Examples would be the timely release last summer of the Council's findings on Negro suffrage, the support of consultant services to community leadership vacillating between a forward and a backward course, and other activities described in the attached material.

The main functions of the Council may be briefly summed up as follows:

1. State Human Relations Councils. -- The Southern Regional Council has devoted a large part of its resources in the past three years to the creation of staffed interracial organizations in ten of the Southern states. Working against great odds, these state groups have provided instruments through which white and Negro Southerners can express their common belief in a democratic society and work for its achievement at the local and state levels. The Council continues to give both program assistance and financial aid to the state councils.

2. Interagency Cooperation. -- The Council has already, of necessity, assumed a greatly increased responsibility for coordination and clearing-house work with other agencies. This has been in response to the expressed wishes and requests of a number of organizations, including the social action departments of the major religious denominations active in the South, the several Jewish agencies concerned with human relations, the trade unions, and such groups as the American Friends Service Committee, the NAACP, the YMCA, and the YWCA. The Council has four times served as convener of thirty of these agencies for the sharing of ideas and joint program planning. At their request, the Council has also coordinated their concerted field efforts.

3. National Communication. -- The Council has played a central part in the newly formed national Consultative Conference on Desegregation. Through this association and other channels, we have greatly increased communication and cooperation between enlightened Southerners and national forces concerned with desegregation.

4. Federal Agencies. -- The Council is called upon by various departments of the Federal Government for interpretation of Southern problems and for specially assembled information, made possible through our fact-finding program. For example, the Department of Justice requested and was given the complete raw findings of the Council's special survey on the status of Negro suffrage in the South.

5. Interpretation through the Press. -- One of the main assets of the Council has always been its reputation with the press, Southern and national, as a dependable and authoritative source of information about all aspects of race relations in the South. The Council and its parent organization have served as a repository of such information since 1919. Many Southern editors and newspapers whose policies on racial matters are directly opposed to those of the Council are accustomed to relying without question on the Council's information services. This function too has greatly increased and continues to grow with each passing day. It is no exaggeration to say that the Council now serves in this way virtually all of the major national publications and a great many Southern ones. To the newspapers must be added a growing list of radio and television programs.

6. The Consultant Service Program. -- Established as a service to the Council's state affiliates, this program has greatly broadened its scope and usefulness. Within the limit of resources, we are undertaking to make special consultants available to public or private leadership in Southern communities with outstanding problems or opportunities. Within recent months, for example, upon official invitation, the Council has made available the consultative services of a Kentucky county school superintendent, who successfully carried out desegregation, to a local school board in North Carolina beginning quietly to plan for such a change.

7. Work with Labor. -- Under a special arrangement, the Council has recently acquired the services of a well-qualified staff member bearing the title of Labor Consultant. This staff member's function is to serve as a resource and liaison person with the unions in the South, which hold great promise as an important influence for progress in race relations. Although this position was initially established on a temporary basis, it has already yielded such fruitful results that it has been continued as part of the regular staff structure.

8. Other Functions. -- All of the important activities that the Council has regularly carried on are being expanded and intensified to the limit of resources as the demands on the Council mount. In this category are the work with church women and other women's groups, the maintenance of comprehensive reference files to service a stream of information requests, defense of the rights of such beleaguered dissenters as those at Koinonia Farm, the distribution of program materials, and the briefing of foreign visitors travelling in the South under the auspices of the State Department and other public and private sponsors.

We do not wish to imply that the Council feels that it has achieved any fixed or final formula for its efforts in the South during the period ahead. As recent experience has made all too clear, the situation is volatile in the extreme. Any realistic approach in this area must be firmly grounded in recognition of the need for constant reassessment and flexibility. We do feel that we have achieved an orientation, a structure, and a range of staff skills sufficiently versatile to render a major service in this critical period.

Financial Analysis

It need hardly be explained that raising funds for the kind of work carried on by the Council is more difficult in the South today than ever before. At a time when the need for expanded activities is critical, an unprecedented amount of new support must be secured.

Through a generous terminal grant from the Fund for the Republic, the Council has in hand approximately one-third of its minimum budget for the next three years. Even so, this leaves an aggregate total of some $400,000 to be raised from other sources. At the end of this proposal

is a budget which shows the dimensions of this task for 1958.

In the light of the budgetary needs presented, we hope that the Jacob R. Schiff Fund will favorably consider a grant to the Council of $15,000 toward the support of the Council's work during 1958.

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

PROPOSED BUDGET - January 1 - December 31, 1958

I. Expenses:

Central Office - Program and Administration

Salaries	$77,518.00	
Social Security Taxes	1,450.00	
Travel	9,500.00	
Printing & Postage, NEW SOUTH	8,150.00	
Printing, Other	1,500.00	
Rent	2,680.00	
Telephone & Telegraph	3,800.00	
Postage	1,800.00	
Books, Subscriptions & Films	750.00	
Accounting & Legal Fees	600.00	
Insurance	300.00	
Office Supplies & Equipment	4,800.00	
Annual Mtg. & Exec. Comm. Mtgs.	3,300.00	
Miscellaneous	2,200.00	
		$118,348.00

Consultant Service Program

Total Cost of Program	20,000.00	
Apprentice Training Project	3,750.00	
		23,750.00

Fellowship of the Concerned

Travel, State Mtgs. & Material Distribution	5,500.00	
Salaries & Travel Expenses (One Churchwoman in each of five states)	5,000.00	
		10,500.00

Financial Aid to State Organizations

(Independent State Councils of Human Relations)	40,000.00	
		40,000.00

Fact-Finding Program

Consultant Fees, Research & Publication of Findings	15,000.00	
		15,000.00

TOTAL: $207,598.00

II. Income - Expectable:

Foundations

Fund for the Republic (On Hand)	$76,800.00	
Community Workshop Association	100.00	
N. Y. Fund for Children (Committed)	7,500.00	
New World Foundation	20,000.00	
New World Foundation (Apprentice Training Program)	3,750.00	
Phelps-Stokes Fund	2,000.00	
Christopher Reynolds Foundation	5,000.00	
Sigmund Silberman Foundation	400.00	
Edgar B. Stern Family Fund	300.00	
John Hay Whitney Foundation	2,000.00	
William C. Whitney Foundation	5,000.00	
		$122,850.00

Organizations

AFL-CIO	3,000.00	
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United Auto Workers	1,000.00	
United Steelworkers	1,000.00	
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November 22, 1957

Dr. Buel Gallagher, President
The City College of New York
New York 31, New York

Dear Dr. Gallagher:

When I was in New York recently, you were good enough to give me an opportunity to talk with you about the work of the Southern Regional Council and our need for new sources of support.

I am enclosing our request for assistance from the Jacob R. Schiff Fund. As you suggested, I am also sending copies to Dr. Kirk and Mr. Wolf. Please let me know if there is further information which we should submit.

I was grateful for the opportunity to meet you after years of knowing you through reputation and writings only. Quite apart from the enclosed request, I hope you willc call on me whenever the Council can supply information or service of any kind that would be helpful to you.

With thanks for your consideration and warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures: Proposal to the Jacob R. Schiff Fund
Proposed Budget for 1958
Organizational Chart
Partial List of Board Members
Congressional Record
Semi-Annual Report
Letter of Tax Exemption

November 22, 1957

Dr. Grayson Kirk, President
Columbia University
New York 27, New York

Dear Dr. Kirk:

When I was in New York recently, I had an opportunity to discuss with Dr. Buell Gallagher the work of the Southern Regional Council and the possibility of a grant-in-aid from the Jacob R. Schiff Fund.

At Dr. Gallagher's suggestion, I am sending copies of the enclosed proposal to you and Mr. Wolf, as well as to Dr. Gallagher himself. If there is further information that would assist you in considering our request, please call on me for it.

Our thanks for your consideration, and every good wish.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

November 25, 1957

Mrs. Marie K. Driggs
Executive Secretary
New York Fund for Children, Inc.
100 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mrs. Driggs:

At the Council's recent Annual Meeting - the first since the New York Fund for Children's 1957 grant - the members present unanimously adopted the enclosed resolution. The appreciation it expresses is deeply felt, both by the governing body and the staff of the Council.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Resolution)

November 25, 1957

Mr. Hallock Hoffman
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Hallock:

At our recent Annual Meeting - the first since the Fund for the Republic approved the current grant to the Council - the members present unanimously adopted the enclosed resolution.

This expression of appreciation conveys the feelings of the staff as well as the governing body of the Council.

I will appreciate it if you will see that the Council's statement is brought to the attention of Dr. Hutchins and other appropriate officers of the Fund.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Resolution)

November 25, 1957

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
New World Foundation
120 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

At the Council's recent Annual Meeting - the first since the New World Foundation's 1957 grant - the members present unanimously adopted the enclosed resolution. The appreciation it expresses is deeply felt, both by the governing body and the staff of the Council.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Resolution)

November 25, 1957

Mr. Frank W. McCulloch
Administrative Assistant to
Senator Paul H. Douglas
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCulloch:

Thank you for your letter of November 22, 1957. I am sorry we have not mailed you copies of this material, however, I think your office has seen most of this material in one form or the other.

We are mailing you, under separate cover, two copies of the report on voting.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

November 25, 1957

Mr. Peter C. Mohr
326 Walker Hall
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Mohr:

Thank you for your recent letter and the twenty-five cents for the voting study. I am mailing you, under separate cover, some selected copies of NEW SOUTH. They might help in your quest for material concerning Negro leadership.

I think your meeting with Mr. Wilkins' assistant will be invaluable in this respect.

Also enclosed is a copy of the book, THE NEGRO POTENTIAL which may be of some help.

With very best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

November 25, 1957

Mr. Frank Loescher
414 South 46th Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

I was all set up by your note reporting on your luncheon with Bradley, Meserve, and Freeman. We are going to do our best to follow through effectively on this very promising situation with the Rockefeller Brothers. I must say I am having to readjust my thinking - upward - to cope with these large sums.

Enclosed are a couple of fund-raising items I wanted you to see. First, the letter to Mrs. Freedman, with enclosures as listed. I hope this was the right note to sound.

Second, a request for general support from the New York Foundation. Since this is for overall help, the request covers the water front of our activities. Basically the same request, only asking for $15,000 for one year, went to the trustees of the Schiff Fund, including a letter to Mr. Wolf. I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Wolf so that you can see how I put it to him.

Don't get frightened and think we are going to send you every stack of manuscripts that we send out for fund-raising purposes. But I thought you ought to have this one to New York and Schiff because it shows our pitch on the full range of activities.

Repeated thanks for all your good work on our behalf and best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures: Copy of Proposal to N. Y. Foundation and Jacob R. Schiff Fund
Ltr. to Mr. Edwin Wolf
Ltr. to Mrs. Abraham L. Freedman

November 25, 1957

Mr. Benjamin D. Segal, Director
Trade Union Program on Civil Liberties and Rights
1244 Nineteenth Street, N.W. Room 301
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Ben:

Just for your general background information - it should be treated as confidential.

I'm off to Jacksonville on November 25 to work with John Caldwell. They have perhaps let the situation go too far and John's ideas prior to landing there were a bit far fetched.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

(Dictated by Mr. Via but signed in his absence)

EFV:fcl

November 25, 1957

Mr. John Hope II
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear John:

The enclosed for your information - the Norfolk report just for general desegregation developments; the Charlotte one for the merit employment moves there.

Even this generalized information should be confidential, but Earl will be willing to work with his end of any move made in Charlotte or to help out (not much he can do) in Norfolk.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

(Dictated by Mr. Via but signed in his absence)

EFV:fcl

Informal confidential report from Earl Henderson to EFV.

Norfolk, Virginia.

The UAW locals in this area are currently tense relative to racial relations. There is difficulty in even getting selected leadership to meet and discuss problems in this area. Henderson has had one such meeting and the group has reluctantly agreed to a second. Henderson's aim is to develop an area committee concerned with fair practices and anti-discrimination moves. The recent political campaign for governor is credited with much of the agitation that exists. Evidently the UAW locals in Norfolk gave very little actual and no public support to the candidacy of Dalton who was supported by the Virginia COPE. Henderson's judgment is that a desegregation move here might actually blow the UAW locals apart, although he does not feel that local leadership or membership has accurately assessed the cost to them if they split their union or disaffiliate. Via should keep Henderson informed of general community attitudes in any desegregation moves that are being made and supply him with some community contacts.

Charlotte, North Carolina.

Henderson's judgment of Mike Volk, the UAW representative, as a good egg agrees with EFV's. Henderson has reported that in the Douglas missile plant a number of Negro women are working as clerks and secretaries - "out in plain sight". To his knowledge, however, only fifty Negroes are reported as being in the collective bargaining unit and their jobs are menial. He thinks that there is one Negro tool-designer outside the bargaining unit and one tool-maker trainee. His understanding is that Douglas is currently hiring at the plant; he wonders if a community move to get Negro job applicants would be in order. In this instance at least informal help could be obtained from the UAW staff person plus Henderson himself. Via is supplying union and community contacts to Henderson and should communicate this information to Harry Jones, AFSC, and John Hope II.

Orlando, Florida.

John Bateman services this Martin aircraft plant for the UAW. Henderson will visit there November 25. He hopes to activate their fair practices committee. Via will supply him with names of Orlando contacts in the general community. This is another situation which has possibilities of merit employment moves.

Georgia.

Henderson was with UAW staff people in Atlanta and with local leadership in Rome, Georgia on November 21st and 22nd. No report on this. However, Gettlinger (?), Administrative Assistant to Reuther, was also in Atlanta - Henderson felt that it might be that a stronger policy line was being laid down to some of the staff.

EFV:fcl
November 22, 1957

November 25, 1957

Father Alexander O. Sigur
P.O. Box 532, S.L.I. Station
Lafayette, Louisiana

Dear Father Sigur:

Happy to have your letter of the 21st.

As an addition to the earlier SRC material, we are sending, under separate cover, 100 copies of the reprint from the Congressional Record of the material on SRC inserted by Senator Douglas. The first portion of this gives the background and history of SRC; the remainder is a good illustration of the type of work done by the Council.

All send best regards and the traveling members of the staff hope to get to Lafayette in the not-too-distant future.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA:fcl

November 25, 1957

Mrs. M. B. Andrews
1415 E. Walnut Street
Goldsboro, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Andrews:

We have received a letter from Mr. W. H. Stanley of Elizabethtown, North Carolina, requesting that Mrs. Stanley's name be removed from our New South mailing list. If you would like to have someone else receive this subscription please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA:fcl

Encls: Congressional Record Reprint - Douglas' Speech
South of Promise
New South - Oct. 1957
New South - Voting Survey

November 25, 1957

Mrs. Abraham L. Freedman
1014 West Hortter Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Freedman:

Frank Loescher has told me of his conversation with you about the work of the Southern Regional Council and the possibility of aid from the Sunstein Foundation.

As I am sure you understand, resistance to desegregation in the South has greatly increased the demands on the Council. At the same time, it has become more difficult than ever before to get financial support in the South.

I very much hope that the Sunstein Foundation may find the work of the Council sufficiently important to warrant its interest and support. If you feel that the trustees would be willing to consider a request from us, we should like to submit one before the next board meeting.

Enclosed are materials describing the origin, aims, and activities of the Council, and I am taking the liberty of adding your name to the mailing list of our monthly publication, New South. If further information on any point would be helpful, please let me know.

I am grateful for your interest and will appreciate any advice you may give me.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures.

November 25, 1957

MEMORANDUM

To: John Constable

From: M. F.

Please see that the following person's name is added to our complimentary mailing list for NEW SOUTH:

Mrs. Abraham L. Freedman
1014 West Hortter Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

November 26, 1957

Mr. James Whitehead
c/o Dr. Mozelle Hill
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Whitehead:

I have obtained for your possible use in securing background information on Atlanta a copy of a thesis entitled "Race and Politics: Congressional elections in the fifth district of Georgia, 1946-1952". This thesis was done by Anna Holden for her Master's degree at the University of North Carolina. It was completed in 1955. It pulls together in one place a number of valuable tables and maps on population location, voting, and registration, as well as giving some insight into political alignments in this area.

Because this is the author's only copy I feel that you should make use of it here in my office and thereby let me bear the responsibility for its safe keeping. I am sorry to put this burden on your research sources; however, those of us who are attempting to aid in the gathering of some of the basic materials together will try to have them centralized for your use in those cases where they cannot be turned over to you.

You will soon have some further information from me either regarding the labor situation in Atlanta or materials which are available in this office. The thesis itself will remain on my desk and you may see it here at any time; if I happen to be absent from the office my secretary, Miss Lawson, will be happy to see that the copy is made available to you. Best wishes to you for your end of this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

November 26, 1957

Canon Robert J. McCloskey
406 Shields Place
Jacksonville 2
Florida

Dear Canon McCloskey:

Thanks so much for your time by telephone when I was in Jacksonville on Monday last. It was good to chat with you and I trust that on a return visit to your city that we will get a chance to meet face to face.

There is no definite word on the situation which brought me to Jacksonville, but I expect that it will go along reasonably well, although the proposed solutions fall short of what I would have wished.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

November 26, 1957

Mr. Crawford Solomon
Convention Press
218 West Church Street
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Solomon:

I called your office on November 25 and said that I would call you back. The situation which brought me to Jacksonville prevented my getting in touch with you at a later time. I am indeed very sorry to have missed you.

Bill Williams of the Florida Council and Fred Routh of our own staff, as well as Canon McCloskey of Jacksonville, recommended that I be in touch with you. I look forward to an opportunity to meet with you at some later date.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

November 26, 1957

Dr. Ralph Mason Dreger,
Child Guidance and Speech Correction Clinic
635 Ocean Street
Jacksonville 2, Florida

Dear Dr. Dreger:

After leaving you a message that I would call back for an appointment on Monday last I found that the situation that brought me to Jacksonville left no time for other conferences.

I had hoped to discuss the general human relations picture in Jacksonville with you at the recommendation of Fred Routh, John Hope, Bill Williams and Canon McCloskey. That's practically a "et al", but that's the way it was.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

SAME
[redacted] ltr. sent to:
Mrs. Edna Anderson
Miss Frances Moser
Miss Doris Wilson

November 26, 1957

Miss Lenice Larkin
The Southwest Student YWCA
3012 Maple Avenue
Dallas 4, Texas

Dear Miss Larkin:

Miss Edith M. Lerrigo has requested that we send you the enclosed material.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Encl. (Desegregating White Institutions)

November 26, 1957

South Carolinians Speak
Box 806
Dillon, South Carolina

Dear Sir:

Please send us fifteen copies of "South Carolinians Speak" and bill us for cost.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

November 26, 1957

Mr. Davisson Dunlap
Adair, Ulmer, Murchison, Kent, and Ashby
1312 Barnett Bank Building
Jacksonville, 2, Florida

Dear Mr. Dunlap:

Thanks so much for setting aside time to see me on Monday the 25th. It is with real regret that I found it necessary to cancel this appointment. I was in town on a specific assignment as I told you and the situation was such that I was not free to leave for other appointments.

Although I had wished to see several other persons in Jacksonville yours was the only definite appointment that I made and thereby had to renege. I look forward to having a chance to meet you before too long.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

November 27, 1957

Mr. Tom Sullivan, Faculty
Everett High School
Everett, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

You have been entered as a subscriber to our magazine, New South, courtesy of Mr. Al Gross of the ILGWU.

Under separate cover we are sending you our two most recent issues. You will receive the magazine monthly hereafter.

If we can be of any further service, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

November 27, 1957

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Director
Penn Community Center
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

Delighted to have you aboard.

I thought that "re-elected" might throw you. Actually, though you didn't know it, you were a member (ex-officio) for a short time after your election as chairman of the South Carolina Council.

More 'lasses?

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 27, 1957

Mr. A. E. Cox
933 Chambliss Road
Memphis 16, Tennessee

Dear Gene:

I'm glad you think the October issue of New South is especially useful. We're sending today the 100 copies you requested.

After some delay, I finally reached Mike Yarrow and found him completely receptive to the idea of "Rights of Conscience" receiving contributions to an HBS Fund. We will pursue the idea of an appeal from the Atlanta-based agency staffers. Meanwhile, please pass on any further word you get from the Smiths about their situation.

I'm relieved to hear you weren't on either end of the shooting iron in Chilton County. We just had a visitor from South Africa who has found that the Deep South makes his home country look pretty good.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Encls: Consultants' fact-finding reports for Georgia & Kentucky on Negro Suffrage.
County-by-County figures on Negro registration
The Negro Voter...

November 27, 1957

Mr. St. John Barrett
Chief, Civil Rights Section
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Barrett:

We are happy to make the remainder of our state reports on Negro suffrage available to you. Enclosed are copies of the reports sent us by the consultants in Georgia and Kentucky, as well as a list of estimated county-by-county figures on Negro registration and the printed summary report entitled, The Negro Voter in the South. I regret to say that our survey encountered personnel difficulties in Tennessee and that, therefore, we do not have a comparable report for that state.

The county-by-county figures, now slightly revised, were circulated last summer in mimeographed form and were placed in the Congressional Record. Otherwise, the printed booklet represents the only published material on the survey.

As you have probably noted, the state reports are "raw" material, in that they were not prepared for publication and have not been edited by us. Their main purpose was to convey information to this office on which a region-wide report could be based.

Please call on me any time the Southern Regional Council can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures.

November 27, 1957

Mr. Alfred C. Payne
Secretary for Campus Work
National Council - YMCA
Southern Area Council
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Al:

The idea of a list of conference sites has never been followed up. But we agree with you that it should be done, and Fred Routh is taking on the job.

Of course, we know, as you do, of several places that accommodate interracial conferences. We don't have the full details on all of them, however, and I think our listing should reflect information from the places themselves as to facilities, rates, and governing policies.

If you know of places that we may not be aware of, Fred would appreciate word from you.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 27, 1957

Mr. Nat Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 South Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Here is a letter just received from Hallock Hoffman of the Fund for the Republic. You may have heard the good news already from Ashmore. He just did a fine speaking job here.

As soon as the check is received, we'll forward the $1,000.

Sorry to hear from Cartwright that things look so discouraging there. All any of us can do is keep plugging with all the skill and imagination we can muster. The thing has to work out sometime, and who knows what may prove decisive?

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (copy of ltr. from Hallock Hoffman - 11/21/57)

November 27, 1957

Mr. Martin Quigley
Fleishman-Hillard, Inc.
407 North Eighth Street
St. Louis 1, Missouri

Dear Quig:

I greatly appreciated your report on the conversation with Hutchins, though it stunned me.

He couldn't be wronger, of course. We were told in advance last spring that any further grant to us would be terminal, but we never asked for it to be, Lord knows. And as for swaring off Yankee money...!

Obviously, I need to get Hutchins reoriented. Many thanks for letting me know how urgent the need is.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 27, 1957

Mr. John W. Davis
Special Director
Teacher Information and Security
NAACP - Legal Defense and Educational Fund
107 West 43rd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Davis:

Many thanks for sending us so promptly the list of persons to be circularized concerning "The Negro Voter in the South."

Mr. Constable, our director of information, will return the list to you as quickly as possible.

With appreciation for your thoughtfulness and cooperation,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Sent to Ben Segal 11/27/57

MEMORANDUM

November 27, 1957

To: Harold C. Fleming

From: Paul Anthony

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Meetings have been held approximately four times a year. At each meeting an effort is made to survey the Southern scene in general and exchange information on any particular situations or crises; brief the meeting on the relevant programs being carried on by the several agencies; determine what each agency can do to further specific programs; and determine what joint efforts can be made in specific instances. One of the important areas covered by the above procedure is that of attacks by pro-segregation groups, and official bodies and ways in which these attacks can be met in joint effort.

At the last meeting, held at Atlanta University on November 5 and 6, the first planning was begun for joint efforts in fact-finding and voter registration.

The experiences of the current interagency effort have shown several things. (1) Considerable time, planning, and communication is necessary among agencies before effective joint work can be undertaken. (2) There is reason for believing that a basis for this planning and communication has been established among the participating agencies. (3) In any number of situations there is need for a major effort and cooperation of several agencies rather than from the group as a whole. As the situations vary from field to field different agencies are called into the forefront. (4) Even if a particular agency, because of its potential or interests, cannot be of direct help in a given situation there is considerable value in having that agency informed as to the programs being carried on by other member agencies.

November 27, 1957

Mr. Edwin G. Kloppe
Executive Director
Texas Commission on Race Relations
407 West 27th Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

A short time ago, Miss Mary Gay of the regional staff of the YWCA called me about a disturbing experience she had recently when she was in Austin on a field trip. She was called by one Gene Smith, who identified himself as Assistant to the Executive Administrator in the Governor's office. He said he was collecting information about national organizations carrying on programs in Texas and proceeded to ask her various questions about the work of the YWCA in Texas. Miss Gay referred him to her National Headquarters. But the whole episode leads her and us to wonder what kind of investigation may be in the works.

Do you know anything at all about this? If so, I would appreciate a word from you.

I need hardly say that Miss Gay's experience and our interest in it should be kept in confidence.

I hope all is going well with you and with the new project in Dallas.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 27, 1957

Mr. Morris H. Rubin
Editor
The Progressive Magazine
Madison 3, Wisconsin

Dear Morris:

For this relief much thanks, as the man said.

I had done a beautiful job of painting myself into a corner, with endless help from human and natural forces of every description. With the reprieve you have given me I should be able to deliver.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Receipt sent
11/27/57
to Business Manager

November 27, 1957

Mr. Lionel Arnold, Chairman
Consolidated Charities Committee
LeMoyne College
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Arnold:

We are most grateful to the Consolidated Charities Committee of LeMoyne and to the faculty members who designated the Council for a contribution.

The contributions are welcome assistance, but even more important to us is the evidence of confidence in the Council's efforts.

As you requested, we are sending our official receipt for the total amount to the Business Manager.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 27, 1957

Miss Katharine D. Lumpkin
Wells College
P. O. Box 93
Aurora, New York

Dear Miss Lumpkin:

It is good to hear from you. I am hastening to send you some materials which I hope will help meet your needs.

You will receive presently a separate mailing, including our latest list of desegregated colleges and universities in the South, our recently published report on Negro suffrage, a summary of recently enacted segregation laws, and one or two other pieces. I take it you do not receive the Southern School News, published in Nashville. Since this service puts out the most complete information on desegregation of the schools, I am also sending you the last three issues of it.

You might also want to look at a booklet called "Integration North and South," by David Loth and myself, published by the Fund for the Republic about a year ago. It reports in detail on progress toward integration in major fields of public life since the Supreme Court's 1954 decision. I am sorry that I don't have a copy to send you, but it is probable that you can find it in the college library.

Our records show the proper address for you, and I trust that New South will reach you without further interruption.

Let me know if we can be of further assistance to you.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 27, 1957

Mr. Colbert S. Cartwright
Pulaski Heights Christian Church
Hillcrest and Spruce
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Bert:

We are delighted to have your letter accepting membership on the Council.

I am sorry to hear, however, that the situation is so bleak in Little Rock. Ashmore was just here and, though discouraged, made a very good and helpful speech on The Subject at Emory University. I didn't get a chance to discuss with him the aspect of the Little Rock scene that you find so disturbing. Offhand, I know of no effective way to get that story told, but I will be alert to opportunities.

You probably know by now that the Fund for the Republic approved the additional $1,000 for ACHR's work in Little Rock. I hope that brings at least some temporary cheer.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 27, 1957

Mr. Benjamin D. Segal
Trade Union Program on Civil Liberties
and Rights
1244 Nineteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Ben:

Thanks for the copy of the letter you received from the National Urban League.

Enclosed is a memorandum written by Paul Anthony which briefly describes the interagency effort to date. Also enclosed is the most recent directory of organizations concerned with human relations in the South, most of which have participated.

Familiar as I am with the tendency of the agencies in this field to exhibit competitiveness, I think it would be best if you didn't plug SRC too heavily. The point is that there are many agencies with action programs in the South and that they are in touch with each other and with the national agency leadership. We need to do a lot to build on this base, but surely it would be a mistake to try to set up new machinery that would duplicate what is already begun. As far as SRC itself is concerned, I think you know enough about our various activities to point out any danger of overlapping.

Incidentally, I think that among those invited to this meeting is James McBride Dabbs of Mayesville, South Carolina, who was just elected president of SRC. He wasn't invited in

that capacity - in fact wasn't president when he was invited - but he will also be able to interpret to the group our work and perhaps some of the other activities that are going on down here.

The best, as always,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Sent to Rosen Segal Washington, D.C.

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November 27, 1957

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218 Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Thanks for sending me a copy of your letter to the President of Emory. It is good to know that you are sufficiently recovered to let off so noble a blast and that the blast itself has therapeutic value.

As it happens, the guy responsible for the series at Emory is none other than John A. Griffin, an old and faithful servant of SRC. John consulted me when he was planning the series, and I made various suggestions of editors who might appropriately participate. The whole idea was to get a range of views expressed, since this was an adult education class on the situation in the South. As the roster originally stood it was heavily loaded on the side of liberals and moderates. However, turn-downs and drop-outs were such that it shook down about fifty-fifty. John very much wanted to include a Negro editor but was finally prevented by circumstances beyond his control.

I can well understand your reaction on seeing the exaggerated play given the remarks of segregationist editors by your paper. The press in general, however, gave equally good play to the liberals. On the whole, I think it was a pretty good series, for which Emory has earned some credit as providing a forum in which opposing views on segregation could be discussed. I am not sure how many places in the Deep South where this could be duplicated.

We think of you often and hope sometime soon to get you over to Atlanta for a day or two of discussion. Our climate is nothing to brag about, but perhaps the change would do you good.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 27, 1957

Mr. Harry Fleischman
National Labor Service
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Harry:

Thanks so much for the run down on issues of the Firing Line. I may want to photostats of two or three of the articles later on, but for immediate purpose you have given me just the information I needed, and we are indebted to you.

I thought your last letter to Roper was good. Ashmore was just here, but though I had some time with him, it was under very hectic circumstances and I was never able to discuss the idea with him. I have talked with a few other people about it, including John Popham, the Southern correspondent for the New York Times. The reactions I have had from him and the others add up to a feeling that a conference involving second echelon newspapermen and community leaders from the South would serve a useful purpose. Popham himself showed no great eagerness to be included, but I think he would be a good choice. Other names that have occured to me are Martin Ochs of the Chattanooga Times, Wallace Westerfeldt of the Nashville Tennessean, and Bill Baggs, the new editor of the Miami Daily News. The more I have thought about it, the more I have felt that the group should be restricted to newspaper people and a few others perhaps who mix well with newspaper people. If the range gets too broad, I am afraid there won't be enough rapport or a community of interest in the group to make meaningful communication possible within any reasonable brief time. Understand, I don't mean sameness of viewpoint, but enough similarity of background for them to understand each other.

I only wish I could be up there at times when I could help advance the project. It now looks as though I will be in New York again on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 17 and 18. This is not likely to be a very productive period but perhaps you and I will be able to get caught up.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 27, 1957

Mr. William K. Williams, Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N.E. Second Avenue
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Bill:

I would like to have the names of union persons in Florida who either serve on your Board, are active members, or with whom you have been able to work closely. I would use these names for contact persons for other union staff people who either have some responsibilities in Florida or are located there. Specifically, at this time I am interested in giving a few leads to Earl Henderson who works in the region for the UAW on problems of fair employment and discrimination. At this time he is particularly interested in the Orlando area, and community as well as union contacts there would be helpful.

I think it would be best for you to send these suggestions directly to me. However, Henderson has your name and address and if he gets to Miami or if in subsequent trips to Orlando he needs specific information or suggestions he may well be in touch with you. He is a good guy and is seriously trying to find appropriate handles for working with UAW locals in this region which often have very sticky problems of a racial sort.

Nothing particular came out of my Jacksonville visit, but thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

November 27, 1957

Mr. John Hope, II
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear John:

It was good to talk with you yesterday and to get your thinking on Ken's memo. We are rather well pleased with it too. Harold and I have talked over the possibilities of having a white social psychologist do a comparable job in the white community of Little Rock. We have concluded that this should wait until after Ken has completed his study. Both of us feel that bringing a man from Harvard would run the expenses unduly high. I would suggest that while Ken is in Arkansas he fish around and come up with somebody good from one of the Universities out there. It should not be forgotten that the Veterans Administration hospitals often have such a person attached to them, and as I recall there was one in Little Rock who was once a member oftheir Board, or perhaps just general membership.

Haroldaand I are both pleased with the idea of a report on the Consultant Service Program in a professional journal. We would suggest that you are the logical person to prepare such a report.

While we believe the Demerath study has some potentialities of interest for us it is a little removed from our normal scope of operation, but we would be glad to talk further about this and perhaps find some way of focusing the study more closely on our interests.

Harold is going to be in Philadelphia the week of December 17th and could run up to New York to meet with Ken's proposed group during that period. I would suggest that Ken get in touch with Harold by phone.

Mr. John Hope, II November 27, 1957

I am not surprised that nothing much is doing in the Old Dominion at the moment, but I am disappointed for there is little question that they are going to come face to face with the reality of a court order to desegregate in the immediate future. I still think it might be wise to try for Arlington.

Regards to your good spouse and the family.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

November 27, 1957

Mr. John Hope II
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear John:

Ben and I are still planning to have a program in conjunction with the coming Fisk Race Relations Institute. I would welcome your suggestions as to problems, if any, that should be anticipated and your comments as to the value of this kind of special program from the institute's point of view.

You will perhaps want me to communicate directly with Herman regarding final arrangements, but I hope you will let me have your general and specific comments as soon as possible as well as your suggestions as to how to proceed from this point.

Perhaps I need not repeat that Ben and I considered last year's union seminar of real value to the participants and that we feel it bore fruit for our later activities.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

November 27, 1957

Rev. Edwin G. Kloppe
Executive Director
Texas Council on Human Relations
407 West 27th Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

This is just a note to remind you that you promised faithfully to send me a progress report on the Dallas effort. We have received no word from you. I am amazed you have not even acknowledged the receipt of the second check. I would appreciate hearing from you on both matters.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

November 27, 1957

Mr. William C. Baggs
Editor, The Miami News
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

Sorry to hear that you have been in a revolving door, but understand that status for I am beginning to behave like a whirling dervish myself. It is rush hither and flit yon, attend meetings and put out fires. As the Beebopster would say "it's go, go, go!"

We appreciate your reasons for not coming on the Board of SRC and certainly recognise ~~it but~~ ~~not~~ ~~to~~ because we are controversial. I have every respect for the soundness of your position on civil rights and civil liberties. I cannot imagine a flimsy thing such as an organization dulling your sincerity or your ability to come out publicly for or against it or the field in which it operates. The shaggy voice that used to sound off on Don Larson's TV show had a tenacious mind behind it that was never so dulled.

However, if you feel more free on the outside banging away at educating the public through wise journalism we bow to your good judgment.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

December 1, 1957

Mr. Victor Norton
The Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Norton:

In the absence of Mr. Routh your letter of the 29th has been called to my attention. Therefore, enclosed you will find the SRC prepared map which you requested.

If we can be of any further help to you, either during the remainder of your visit in this country or after you return to South Africa, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA:fcl

Encls: Congressional Record Reprint
South of Promise
List of Board Members to date
Semi-annual Report - SRC

December 2, 1957

Mr. C. A. McKnight
Charlotte Observer
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Pete:

Our recent annual meeting gave a good deal of consideration to election of new members to the eighty-man governing body, which is in fact the Council. As one might expect, your name was high on the list, and I was given the pleasant assignment of inviting you to serve.

Since you are familiar with the Council, I won't burden you with a lot of detail. Enclosed are a few descriptive materials, including a list of the membership as it stands at the moment. I'll be glad to send any further information you might want.

We all admire the job you have done in Charlotte and as director of SERS. The Council will be fortunate if you feel you can accept membership. Speaking for myself, I can think of no one I would rather have in the policy-making group.

Let me make it clear that we haven't presumed to elect you without your prior agreement, but merely to ask you if you will serve. If you don't feel you can accept, that will be both the beginning and end of the matter.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Encls: Bowden ltr. - May 16, 1957
Veatch ltr. - November 15, 1957
Moore ltr. - November 26, 1957
HCF ltr. - November 15, 1957
List of Trustees - Wesley Memorial Building

December 2, 1957

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rufus:

Enclosed are several pieces of correspondence about the problems surrounding our tenancy in the Wesley Memorial Building. As you will see from Dr. Veatch's letter, we are invited to be represented before the trustees of the building at their meeting at 2:00 p.m., next Monday, December 9.

Mr. Dabbs has also agreed to be present, and I am asking him to arrive in time for us to have at least a short time together before the meeting. Would it be convenient for you to meet with us in my office at 1:30 Monday? I hope to have drafted before then a prepared statement with which we can introduce our presentation; I will make every effort to have a copy of it in your hands by the end of the week.

With thanks and kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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December 2, 1957

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Here is the latest correspondence about the matter of our tenancy in the Wesley Memorial Building. As we may have written you already, the meeting of the building's trustees, before whom we are invited to appear, is set for 2:00 p.m. next Monday, December 9.

I hope to have a prepared statement ready in draft before that time, so that you and Dr. Clement can review it in advance. I hope that you will find it possible to arrive here in time for us to have at least an hour together before the trustees' meeting. I have asked Dr. Clement to meet us in my office a little beforehand.

I am looking forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

MEMORANDUM FOR CRITICISMS FILE
December 2, 1957

From: Harold C. Fleming

On November 22, 1957 a rough cut man, who identified himself as Clarence Hall of Titus, Alabama, appeared in the office for the stated purpose of getting some information about SRC. He wanted a list of officers and board members. He said he worked for the Postal Transportation Service and was an active Methodist. He had been exposed to the charges against the SRC involving Bishop Moore, the Wesley Memorial Building, and so on.

I talked with him at some length, pleasant on both sides but to no purpose. His views were unshakeably pro-segregation, though he claimed to deplore "extremes" on both sides. I gave him a copy of the brief history of SRC before he departed.

- END -

December 2, 1957

Mrs. Ruth E. Graham
453 West 164th Street
New York 32, New York

Dear Mrs. Graham:

We do not have a recent edition of America's Tenth Man. A fairly large illustrated book by that title was published recently by Twayne Publishers, Incorporated, 31 Union Square, West, New York 3, New York. The New York library should have a copy of this publication. The librarian there also probably can suggest other material for your use.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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December 2, 1957

Mr. William C. Baggs
Editor
THE MIAMI NEWS
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Baggs:

I am sorry for what appears to be a misunderstanding created by my letter of November 19. It was far from my purpose to announce that you had become a member of the Council's governing body -- obviously something that neither should nor could take place without your consent. The Council's action was solely to the effect that you be invited to serve, fully recognizing that you might have every good reason to decline. My letter was intended only to convey that invitation, in that spirit.

As you know, Fred's writing you informally in advance was an effort to find out whether even an invitation to membership would be appropriate. If your reply to Fred had reached us earlier, that would have been the end of the matter.

I have great respect for your feeling that membership in any fraternal, social or civic organization might interfere with your editorial judgment. But, as you know, few editors take that position, and we could only find out by asking.

Having admired what you have written on segregation and other subjects, none of us has any thought that you are anxious

to avoid controversy. We, in turn, are concerned that you not feel the Council was trying to take advantage of you or to force an unwelcome association upon you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 2, 1957

Mr. Michael Straight
1224 - 19th Street, N. W.
c/o New Republic
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mike:

Here is a copy of our request to the William C. Whitney Foundation for 1958. I have sent two extra copies to Mr. Rose and have told him that I am sending one to you.

I appreciated your call of several weeks ago and only hope that my delay in getting this in will not complicate matters.

Your interest and help mean a lot to me and to the Council. I only wish circumstances permitted us to see each other more often.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures.

December 2, 1957

Reverent Colbert S. Cartwright
Pulaski Heights Christian Church
Hillcrest and Spruce
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Burt:

Thank you for your note on the NEW SOUTH article. It will be welcome whenever you can complete it.

Again thanks.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

December 2, 1957

Mr. Nat R. Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 South Izard
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

I don't know who the publisher of the book With All Deliberate Speed is, but we have a brochure from the R. M. Mills' Bookstores, Inc., 711 Church Street, Nashville 3, Tennessee, advertising the book for three dollars and 50 cents per copy. I presume they would mail you a copy on order.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

December 3, 1957

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
President
Watchtower Life Insurance Company
2206 Dowling Street
P. O. Box 2097
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

Our warm thanks for the contribution from Mr. T. P. Turner, which I am acknowledging in a letter to him today.

You are doing the Council a real service by enlisting the interest and support of your acquaintances.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 3, 1957

Mr. Will D. Campbell
National Council of Churches
Race Relations Division
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

I don't know if comments on Tilson's leaflets are too late to be useful, but I offer mine for what they are worth.

1. My feeling that the negative titles are bad still stands.

2. The MS on the "Curse of Ham" is pretty good, though it suffers a little from stilted language and a too-easy surrender by the lukewarm segregationist, Mr. Albright.

3. The other two - particularly the Babel one - struck me as most unconvincing. The language just ain't natural. (See the New Yorker's "Remarks We Doubt Ever Got Remarked.") And poor Albright might as well have been an integrationist from the start - or a straw man.

With some rewriting, all of them would make good material - for people deeply and honestly concerned about the Bible's meaning for segregation. The idea of a

conversational treatment is good; it's the execution that falls short.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Tilson Manuscript)

December 3, 1957

Mrs. L. G. Begor
129 Colonial Circle
Wilmington, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Begor:

At the request of Mrs. S. W. Anderson of Whitakers, we are adding your name to the mailing list of our monthly magazine, New South. You will begin receiving the magazine with the November issue.

If in the future we can provide you with additional materials please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

Same letter sent to:
Mrs. Robert L. Wilcox
Mrs. Ben Russell
Mrs. Fred Patterson
Mrs. Annie Tait Jenkins
Mrs. E. K. Witt
Mrs. J. R. Beach
Mrs. Ed A. Albright
Mrs. L. J. Dennisson

December 3, 1957

Rev. Miss Annie Campbell
673 Piedmont Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Campbell;

We were unfortunate in selecting the date for our meeting on the Study of the Proposed Curbing of Citizenship Rights. The replies that have been received indicate that only one or two can be present.

We have two optional dates - January 21 and 28. We are enclosing a card for you to check the date best suited for you, however, I am hoping you may say either.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encl.

December 3, 1957

Mr. Wilton Dillon
Executive Secretary
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Dillon:

It was a privilege to meet you when you were here some weeks ago and discuss the program of the "Fellowship of the Concerned - Southern Women Concerned About their South," which is a part of the program of the Southern Regional Council.

I am sure your interview with us had a great deal to do with the Foundation making a grant of two thousand dollars for 1958. The letter came at Thanksgiving and gave us in the office cause for rejoicing. Personally it was a great Thanksgiving gift and being a church woman, I felt it was certainly of God's goodness. Thank you so much.

With the best of wishes to you and a heart full of thanks, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

December 3, 1957

Mr. F. D. Patterson, Director
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Patterson:

I am beginning to think that the Phelps-Stokes Foundation is my patron saint. You may remember that last year during the Christmas holiday your letter came announcing the request had been granted. This year it came at Thanksgiving and on my wedding anniversary. It certainly gave me great cause for praise and Thanksgiving.

It is wonderful to have support and understanding from a person like you. We are writing the Phelps-Stokes Foundation.

With the best of the season's greetings to you and a heart full of thanks, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

Encls: Congressional Record Reprint
South of Promise
Partial List of Board Members
Organizational Chart

December 3, 1957

Mr. Irving Carlyle
Wachovia Bank Building
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Carlyle:

Mr. Marion Wright has told me of his conversation with you and of your taking the question of membership on the Southern Regional Council under consideration. I thought the enclosed materials might be helpful to you as you consider the invitation to membership.

Let me add to that of Mr. Wright's my own assurance that the Council would feel greatly honored and strengthened by your acceptance. Mr. Paul Green has agreed, through Mr. Wright, to serve. Your membership along with his and Mr. John Wheeler's would give North Carolina an exceedingly strong and able representation on the Council's governing body.

Whatever your decision may be, please know that you have our admiration and every good wish.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. Marion A. Wright
Enclosures.

Enclosures: Congressional Record Reprint
South of Promise
Partial List of Board Members
Organizational Chart
New South, October, 1957

December 3, 1957

Mr. Paul Green
Chapel Hill,
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Green:

We were deeply pleased to hear from Mr. Wright that you have agreed to accept membership on the governing body of the Southern Regional Council. We have long admired you both as a writer and as a forthright advocate of fairness and dignity forall people. The Council is honored and strengthened by your membership.

Enclosed are several pieces of material describing the background and activities of the Council. Please note that the list of members is not complete, pending acceptances from several persons recently invited to serve. If further information on any point would be helpful to you, please call on me for it.

With appreciation and every good wish,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. M. A. Wright
Enclosures.

AIR MAIL

December 3, 1957

Mr. H. B. Sissel
Associate Secretary
The Board of Christian Education of the
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.
830 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Ben:

My reservations are set for the trip to Philadelphia week after next. I'm planning to take advantage of the opportunity to spend a day or so in New York beforehand, so I will be arriving in Philadelphia by train on the evening of Wednesday, the 18th.

I'll appreciate it if you will make a hotel reservation for me -- marked, to be safe, for "late arrival."

I'm looking forward to being with you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 3, 1957

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
Doubleday and Company, Inc.
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Adam:

Blessings on you for extracting such heart-warming news from your friend Bob Haydock. This is better than we dared hope.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 3, 1957

Miss Katharine Taylor
41 Hawthorne Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Katharine:

My friend Adam Yarmolinsky wrote a friend of his in the law firm handling Mr. Emerson's estate. Enclosed is a copy of the reply he received.

This is blessed news indeed and gives us even more reason to appreciate you.

Yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure: Copy of Haydock Letter

December 3, 1957

Thelma How, Director
US Projects Program
AFSC
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadephia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Thelma:

Thanks so much for your timely and full reply to my request for information on the Atlanta intern projects. At this point I do not think I will need any further material although I will be in touch with Phern Stanley.

I will return your original typescripts shortly, but would like to have them a few days longer for further reading.

Margaret joins me in sending you our best personal wishes. Regards to Hermann, and we trust that all goes well with you and the program.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

December 3, 1957

Mr. Clarence Jordan
Koinonia Farm
Route 2
Americus, Georgia

Dear Clarance:

A quick response to your letter of November 25th. I have talked with Osgood; we would like to discuss the situation with you face to face before any definite decisions are made. It is my understanding that Osgood will be writing you regarding other matters which he wishes to discuss with you.

It seems inadvisable practically, legally, and morally to plead guilty to any charge of which you are not guilty.

I know that the situation there is still tough and that communication is at best difficult. I still feel that there may be some problems regarding the relation between a pacifistic religious community and the law which are still unsettled in the community mind of Koinonia. But we can talk about this when we see each other.

I don't think you should be overly concerned about legal fees at this point. You would not have any financial commitment until after further conversation with Osgood and I think that such involvement would either be manageable by the Farm or you could see other ways for handling the matter.

I thought the enclosed editorial and cartoon would be of special interest to you in case it had not been called to your attention.

Best wishes to you and the others there.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

December 3, 1957

Mr. H. B. Boyd, President
Virginia State AFL-CIO
102 North Belvidere Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Brother Boyd:

I would be happy to be with you for the Old Point Comfort institute on February 22 and 23. You can let me know when the program shapes up further and which topics you feel should get greatest emphasis in the workshop you want me to lead. The film "Face of the South" would be useful in such an institute; do you wish me to bring a copy from Atlanta?

I am sending copies of this letter to Atlantic City and to your office so that you will know that I am available when you talk with Ben Segal.

I look forward to working with you on this institute. and I will not be attending the AFL-CIO Convention.

Best personal wishes.

Fraternally yours,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

December 3, 1957

Mr. Wilton Dillon
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Wilton:

Many thanks for the two documents - both interesting indeed.

The approval by your Trustees of a renewal of aid to Mrs. Tilly's program is most heartening news. The Council's official thanks will be in order later. But, meanwhile, please add my appreciation to those Mrs. Tilly will be writing you and Dr. Patterson.

Your prospectus is a fine piece of programming. Naturally, we will want to cooperate in every way in its implementation. I'll be interested to hear how you made out in Washington.

It appears that I will be in New York on December 17 and 18. I hope we can get together then.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 3, 1957

Mr. Hugh A. Brimm
Executive Director
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
4435 Blenheim Road
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Hugh:

Many thanks for your letter and the copy of your fiscal audit. It is good to have this for our files.

Fred Routh will shortly be getting out to all the state councils a memo describing reporting procedures under the new financial arrangement. It won't be necessary to file financial statements more often than quarterly, but I am asking Ruth Alexander to send you additional copies of the report form for your own use.

We have noted your change of address.

With good wishes for the work and best personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 3, 1957

Mr. Charles F. Deshler
Assistant Treasurer
John Hay Whitney Foundation
630 Fifth Avenue
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Deshler:

We are warmly grateful to the John Hay Whitney Foundation for its renewal of aid to the Southern Regional Council. This further support means a great deal to the continuance of our services to church women and other religious leadership in the South. There has never been a time when more was required of these Southerners of conscience.

Again, our thanks and kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official receipt)

December 3, 1957

Mr. T. P. Turner
1403 Live Oak Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Turner:

We are most appreciative of your contribution to the work of the Southern Regional Council, forwarded to us by Mr. Charles A. Shaw.

We have taken the liberty of adding your name to the mailing list of our monthly publication New South, and our official receipt is enclosed.

With every good wish.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official receipt)

December 4, 1957

Mr. David Scull
Scull Studios
Annandale, Virginia

Dear David Scull:

This is a belated note of moral support for your efforts to aid the Old Dominion find its way into a freer society. We here at the Council are appreciative of the forthright moral stand which you have made in the endeavor to test properly the legality of oppressive acts.

We have, of course, long been grateful for your support of and participation in the Virginia Council on Human Relations. Please keep us fully informed of the developments for we are vitally interested. As Edmund Burke wisely said, "all that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing". Hail to a good man who is doing something courageous and significant.

Our very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

December 4, 1957

Mrs.John Lassoe, Executive Secretary
NAIRO
152 West 42nd Street
New York 36, N.Y.

Dear John:

Even though the enclosed conference evaluation sheet came from Arnie I note the return address is yours, so here it is.

I was just up in the BIG CITY for the conference of Episcopal clergymen and selected laymen. Your name was on the roster, but you were a missing rooster - how come? Seriously, really sorry to have missed you. I stopped by the office in mid-afternoon, but alas and alack it was locked. I hope for better luck next time.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.

FBR:fcl

December 4, 1957

Mr. Lewis H. Deer
Director, Intercultural Relations
United Christian Missionary Society
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Lewis:

Received your good letter requesting information about a four page flyer on race and the Bible. Mrs. Tilly is out and unfortunately none of us here recall its name or where it came from, but I am sending you in its place a one page reprint from the Presbyterian Outlook. I hope it meets your needs.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

Enclosure.

December 4, 1957

Miss Anna Holden
Department of Social Science
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Anna:

Thanks so much for sending the thesis. It arrived OK and I would like to hold on to it for a while longer.

I am not certain as to how much help I can give you in your request regarding Nashville. I would doubt that any help would be forthcoming from unions in the direct action programs of your CORE group, although a few individuals could perhaps be made interested. The channels for putting on educational programs are those of the union's organizational structure which usually can be utilized only by programs or organizations acceptable to the labor movement or some substantial part of it. The kind of program, its content and pitch, plus the person(s) would be of a great deal of importance to any union with which you might work. The general rule is that they are leary of "far out" or highly propagandistic (except their own) projects. There are several really good guys in the Tennessee State Labor Council, but they are careful not to cross lines with the Nashville labor leadership. I would doubt that any of these men would be sufficiently sympathetic to lend their name to any attempt to reach local union leadership in Nashville. However, Stanton Smith, President, Matthew Lynch, Vice-President, and Charlie Houk, Secretary-Treasurer, might be approached for such ideas as they might have for reaching Nashville unions. I would not seek a commitment from them personally, nor organizationally, and I would have a clear idea of the kind of program which you think a union might find profitable, as well as a rationale for your approach, and your specific interest in the labor movement as a group.

If and when I get to Nashville I may be able to make more useful suggestions to you. In the meantime for the success of both our efforts I think it advisable not to make use of my name, for after all I am not familiar with the Nashville labor situation.

Miss Anna Holden December 4, 1957

Another approach is to find those persons bearing responsibility for education programs either in offices of international unions, or for locals, or for the city labor bodies, and approach them with a program package which they can discuss with you and decide whether or not to see it through the proper channels.

I will send on any second thoughts to you. Thanks again for the thesis.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

P.S. Your interest in working directly with parents is a good one, I think, always much needed, and especially helpful when implemented by mature and concerned persons.

December 4, 1957

Miss Helen Louise Cohen
94 Oliver Street
Rochester 7, New York

Dear Miss Cohen:

In the absence of Mr. Fleming your letter of the 28th has been called to my attention.

We are most grateful for your contribution and for your continued interest in the Council. Our receipt is enclosed and we have noted that your subscription to New South has been paid for the coming year.

As to our business methods, I am afraid you are right in that they leave room for considerable improvement! In this particular instance however, we have you listed in our category of "associate members." This term continues to identify a few of our good friends from outside the region who remain with us from the time when the council had a general membership in the South. Since earlier in the year you were kind enough to contribute to the George Mitchell Tribute Fund we did not feel that you should be billed for New South.

We do hear from the Mitchells occasionally. They are in Scotland; address, The Lodge, Glencoe, Argyll, Scotland. They are building a house and doing much of the work themselves. From the pictures they have sent, it is in the remotest of the Highlands. They seem to be enjoying the experience but

it is questionable that such activity can be called retirement!

Again, we are most grateful for your interest in and support of the Council and we will see to it that you are not left with the "self-service" method in the future.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

Enclosure - 1 official receipt

December 4, 1957

Mrs. Margaret Anderson
Woman's Society of Christian Service
North Carolina Conference
The Methodist Church
Whitakers, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Anderson:

We are placing Mrs. L. G. Begor of Wilmington on our mailing list to receive New South, as you requested in your letter of the 2nd. I cannot understand why you are not receiving your copy; this mistake on our part is being corrected and you will begin receiving New South again as of this month. Last month's copy, which I believe you will find interesting, is enclosed.

Our last WSCS New South subscription list for North Carolina was made up from the names sent some months ago. This list accompanied the generous contribution which the WSCS of North Carolina made to SRC in 1957. Generally, of course, we depend on our regular subscription procedure for our mailings. However, if there are persons whom you would particularly like to have receive New South we will be happy to see that they are added to our mailing list.

We are most appreciative of the good work done by the churchwomen of the South, especially of that done by the WSCS. If, with New South, or in any other way, we can be of help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1 (New South, October/1957)

VIA AIR MAIL

December 4, 1957

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
New World Foundation
120 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

I hate to write about the future so soon after transmitting the Council's thanks for past support! But, as you might suppose, we are hoping that the New World Foundation will renew its support of the Council's work for 1958.

This is to ask you for any guidance you can give us on the timing of our request and any other circumstances we should take into account in submitting one.

As is my habit, I pass on the fact that I expect to be in New York on December 17 and 18. Please don't feel you have to respond to these periodic bulletins on my travels -- at least until the lucky chance of our getting together comes up.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL

December 4, 1957

Dr. Kenneth Clark
Northside Center
31 West 110th Street
New York, New York

Dear Ken:

The possibility of a trip east that I mentioned on the telephone has materialized. I am to be in Philadelphia on December 19 and 20 and have made reservations that will put me in New York beforehand -- on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 17 and 18.

So if your offer of an evening get-together still holds, I am all eagerness. I know you will feel free to tell me if it doesn't seem workable or convenient at this point.

Whether or not we follow through on the original idea, I hope you and I can have some time together while I am there. Your memorandum on the Little Rock investigation was excellent, and I would welcome a chance to discuss that and other things with you.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Selected articles
Rpt. N. S.
Hammer Report

December 4, 1957

Mr. Herbert Solow
The Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Solow:

Enclosed are copies of newspaper clippings that may be of some help to you in planning your case study. Also enclosed is the report on a survey of "Post-War Industrial Development in the South" prepared for us by Hammer and Company.

As soon as you have finished with the report, please return it to me. If we can be of help to you as your project progresses, let me know.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures.

December 5, 1957

Mr. Wilton Dillon
Phelps Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Will:

It surely was good to see you however briefly in New York. I enjoyed the chat with Doctors Patterson, Brown, Lanier. But more than this I enjoyed the pleasant moments at your house and the visit with Virginia and the Sills.

Come on South whenever you get the chance. You are always more than welcome here.

Warm regards.

As ever,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

December 5, 1957

Rev. Almon R. Pepper, D.D.,
Director, Department of Christian Social Relations
The National Council - Protestant Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Pepper:

I was happy to meet you at the recent conference of Southern clergymen at St. John's. I believe this was a very significant conference. I have written Neil Tarplee in some detail about it and am enclosing a copy of the letter for your information.

The work which Neil is doing is of great value, particularly in the South at this time. In the past we have had close contact with staff members from both the National and Southern Presbyterians, from the Methodists, from the Southern Baptists, from the Roman Catholic church, and from the Jewish defence organizations. As an Episcopalian I am proud to see my church take its rightful place in this vital area of Christian concern.

With every good wish.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

bc: Rev. C. Tarplee

FBR:fcl

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA
JAckson 2-8764

HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

December 5, 1957

MEMORANDUM

To: All State Organization Chairmen
All State Organization Executive Directors

From: Fred Routh, Assistant Director

Re: Quarterly Reports requested by December 23rd.

The first quarter of the new grant period is drawing to a close. Under the terms of the agreement between us, state allotments are to be paid on a quarterly basis. The allocation for the second quarter will be sent for December 31st receipt to those state organizations who qualify.

The two conditions of the grant were (1) that the state organization show progress in carrying out the program proposals sent SRC in the request for financial assistance, and (2) that it also show ability to raise sufficient funds from non-SRC sources to meet its obligations.

Therefore, two reports are requested: a narrative report of what has been done in program and a financial report of what has been done in fund-raising and meeting obligations. Please include a current roster of Officers and Board members, and in future quarterly reports include any changes in Officers or Board members.

The Quarterly Financial Report should be made on the form supplied by SRC. This is the same form previously used for monthly reports. Your

office is being sent additional copies of the form for financial reporting.

To assist in the preparation of the narrative program report, the following questions are suggested for inclusion in the report, when applicable:

1. What has been the "climate" in the state during the quarter?
   a) What helpful developments? b) What harmful developments?

2. What has been the chief program emphasis of the state organization?
   a) How is this related to question #1?

3. With what other agencies or groups has there been cooperative effort?
   a) In what specific program areas? b) What was the role of your organization?

4. Has effort been made to meet and cultivate "key" persons?
   a) What position do they represent? b) How did you approach them. c) What was their response? d) What, if any, material did you leave with them?

5. What program use has been made of Officers and Board members?
   a) Conferences with "key" people? b) Outside speaking engagements? c) Other?

6. To whom have you supplied information? What type of information was it?
   a) Southern School News Reporter? b) Local Press? c) SRC? d) "Key" people? e) Other agencies?

7. What have you done about SRC's request to document violence in your state?

8. What use have you made of program assistance from SRC?
   a) Consultant Service Program? b) Individual staff members? c) Other?

9. What organizational meetings has your group held?
   a) Annual Meeting? b) Board Meeting? c) Executive Committee? d) Special Committee? e) Other?

10. What decisions were made at these meetings?

11. What are the next steps in your program?
    a) What will be the main program emphasis, as you now see it, during the coming quarter? b) What is the rationale for this particular emphasis?

Please see that your reports reach us by December 23, 1957.

December 5, 1957

Mr. Irving Carlyle
Wachovia Bank Building
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Carlyle:

Thank you for your warmly welcome letter of December 4. We are deeply pleased that you have decided to accept membership in the Southern Regional Council, and I am personally hopeful that I will have the opportunity to meet and talk with you in the near future.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL

December 5, 1957

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

Many thanks for your letter informing me of the current Southern swing by Pat Malin and Rowland Watts. I have encountered no one who knew they were coming except Sam Lubin, who received word from you. I have heard from our associated state group in Arkansas that they have just been in Little Rock, and I am in hopes that they will stop by Atlanta.

As you will see from the minutes of the last Southern meeting, just mailed out, the proposal of the Southern agency people has now been spelled out somewhat more fully. It is good to know that you are taking a direct interest in seeing that something along these lines gets worked out.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 5, 1957

Mr. Joseph Lyford
Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Joe:

Thanks for the Wall Street Journal clip. Born, the reporter who did the story, spent quite a while at the Council getting background, but we hadn't seen what he wrote.

Quid pro quo, I send you the enclosed Atlanta Constitution version of the AP story on the Mississippi Sovereignty Commission's report. I'll bet you didn't know until now that Hal DeCell was responsible for the Fund's new program.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 article - Atl. Const., 12/3/57

VIA AIR MAIL

December 5, 1957

Mr. Frank Kelly
The Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

I thought you would want to see how the Atlanta Constitution handled the AP story on the Mississippi Sovereignty Commission's remarkable report.

A modest young fellow like Hal DeCell should go a long way in public relations!

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 article - Atl. Const., 12/3/57

December 5, 1957

Mr. Ralph E. Purcell
P. O. Box 8
Sweet Briar, Virginia

Dear Ralph:

Thanks for sending me a copy of Dr. Daniel's speech. It is a remarkably forthright and persuasive statement. The fact that it is mimeographed makes me wonder if any distribution has been given to it. If not, and if Dr. Daniel is agreeable, we certainly should consider some effective use of it.

The Christian Century editorial was excellent.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 5, 1957

The Reverend Dan C. Whittett
The First Methodist Church
Sylacauga, Alabama

Dear Dan:

We were delighted to receive your letter of November 26 accepting membership on the board of the Southern Regional Council. The truth is that we have never ceased to feel that you were a part of the Council, and it is good to have it official again.

I am enclosing some material which may help you in preparing the chapter of the book to be published by the Board of Social and Economic Relations. A brief word on the various points you inquired about specifically:

1. The article by Charles Fairman in the enclosed copy of New South seems to us to be the best single answer to the criticism that the Supreme Court's decision was political and sociological and thereby invalid.

2. As I dictate this, we are still searching for some recent comparative figures of expenditures on education for whites and Negroes in the South. I hope we will be able to enclose something pertinent.

3. Yearly figures on lynching from 1915 are enclosed, as well as data on the growing employment of Negro policemen and election of Negroes to public office.

4. We thought you might like to have the enclosed compilation of church announcements on segregation and race

relations. Let me know if we can supply further information that will help you to make the strongest possible case for a positive view.

I am sorry that our recent mailing to you arrived with postage due. My secretary doesn't remember specifically whether that envelope was sealed with scotch tape, though mailings of that kind frequently are in order to insure that the flap of the large envelope will remain sealed. Unfortunately, the question of the sanctity of the mails is one that arises every once and a while these days, and I agree that it pays to be watchful. Perhaps it will help if I tell you now that we are sealing the envelope in which this comes with scotch tape.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures.

December 5, 1957

Mr. Benjamin D. Segal
Trade Union Program on Civil Liberties
and Rights
1244 Nineteenth Street, S. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Ben:

Thanks for letting me know that you won't be able to go to the Urban League's conference after all. James M. Dabbs is going to be in the office on Monday, and I will take that up to alert him to the kind of interpretation that will be helpful.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL

December 6, 1957

Mr. W. H. Ferry
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Ping:

Thanks for your letters and for the copy of Carl Friedrich's book that you are sending me. I am pretty hardened to formidable looking tomes by now and will look forward to reading this one by Friedrich, whose work I know slightly and admire.

Herbert Solow called me the other day. I have sent him some material from our files that may be helpful to him by way of background . If he comes down here, or if he would like some specific inquiry made on the ground, perhaps we can help further. His project strikes me as a very interesting and potentially productive one.

Ashmore was here for a speech right after the Fund's last board meeting, and I too was struck with how discouraged he feels. Certainly he has good reason, and maybe we are in for what Harris Wofford (who was also just here) has called a "season of suffering." But I remind myself that good breaks as well as bad ones can come quickly in complex and contested situations like this one. There is some evidence that the ominous look of things is making the religious leadership and some of the "moderates" more aware of the need for positive words and actions. The statement by the eighty Atlanta ministers, enclosed, is one of the straws in the wind.

I expect to be in New York again for a couple of days in about two weeks. Circumstances permitting, I will hope for a chance to say hello.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures. "In the hearts of men"

December 6, 1957

Miss Patricia H. Newell
Publicity Director
Rinehart and Company, Inc.
232 Madison Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Miss Newell:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me an advance copy of NEITHER BLACK NOR WHITE. The Stokelys have done a valuable piece of work. The book is not only eminently readable, but it is also one of the few things that have been written that show the positive forces at work within the South and point the way toward creative solutions.

We expect to review the book in an early issue of our monthly publication, New South. I will see that you get a copy.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 6, 1957

Mr. Herbert Hill
Labor Secretary
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, N.Y.

Dear Herb:

The enclosed is a listing of the Federal agencies in Atlanta and their Negro employment as of August 1956.

I pass this on to you for your general information in case you have not seen it before. Federal employment is so substantial that this would be an important area in which to work if proper handles could be found for doing so.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant
(Dictated by Mr. Via but signed in his absence)

EFV:fcl

December 6, 1957

Mr. Benjamin D. Segal
Director
Trade Union Program on Civil Liberties and Rights
1244 Nineteenth Street, N.W. Room 301
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Ben:

Enclosed is an editorial from the Jacksonville paper on the day I was in town. It gives some indication of a moderate approach to even the question of school integration.

The Wall Street Journal article you may have seen. I talked to Born, as you seem to have done also. The last quote was an unfortunate one, I think.

The third enclosure is a list of Federal agencies in Atlanta showing their Negro employment as of August 1956. It would be good if proper handles could be found for getting at this most unfortunate situation.

I am beginning to turn my wheels regarding the spring conference and have already been in touch with John Hope about the Fisk seminar.

Best wishes to the family,

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant
(Dictated by Mr. Via but signed in his absence)

P.S. I thought you would be interested in the report from Mississippi. Their version of attempting to show influence on the Fund - and Bob should set Hutchins slightly on his ear.

December 6, 1957

Mr. Harry Fleischman
Director
National Labor Service
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, N.Y.

Dear Harry:

The enclosed is a listing of the Federal agencies in Atlanta and their Negro employment. This is for your general information. However, Federal employment is so large in Atlanta that this would be a fruitful field for an employment on merit move.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

(Dictated by Mr. Via but signed in his absence)

EFV:fcl

December 6, 1957

Mr. George Manning Lewis
1302 Atlas Street
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Lewis:

We will be happy to cooperate with you in any way possible on your current project.

I am not quite certain whether we have the material you desire or not. Actually our material on "preachers" who are dedicated to the ministry of hate is fairly slight. We do have some material on such persons as the Reverend W. Bodenhamer and Alvin Horn and some sermons from such other ministers.

As for the general field of race relations, we have a tremendous volume of material, some of which I am sure will be helpful.

If you will drop me a line with more specific details or drop by and see me when you are in this vicinity, you may be assured of the Council's cooperation.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

December 6, 1957

Mr. Benjamin D. Segal, Director
Trade Union Program on Civil Liberties and Rights
1244 Nineteenth Street, N.W. Room 301
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Ben:

Enclosed is my letter to Zander. Copies were went to Caldwell and Rowe. The rough report is for your information to give a little more background on the situation - you should have this in case AFSCME has reason to contact you further. This rough report was not sent to Zander. I understand the situation on the Executive Board was pretty hot.

Incidentally, John continually referred to me as being with the Fund for the Republic and evidently his proposal to the Board was to seek FFR aid in the matter. I'm not sure that my explanations to him sank in.

I met Harris Wofford today on his way to Montgomery for the MIA second Annual Institute. It occurs to me now that he is gone that he did the slide lecture on Bowles and India. Is this the right guy?

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

Enclosures.

December 6, 1957

Mr. John Caldwell
Education Director
American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees
815 Mount Vernon Place, N.W.
Washington 1, D.C.

Dear John:

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to President Zander; I do believe that his original failed to show that you and Shorty Rowe were receiving copies.

Trust you and Bertie had a good trip back and got some relaxed time somewhere. I hope all goes well in Jacksonville; it was good to see you again and please feel free to call on me if I can be of further service.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosure.

EFV:fcl

December 6, 1957

Mr. W. A. Rowe
American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees
Forsyth Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Brother Rowe:

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to President Zander. It was good to have met you in Jacksonville and to have had some time to get acquainted.

Your regional job gives you a great number of responsibilities and I do hope that the Jacksonville situation will continue to be settled peacefully and fairly for all.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosure.

EFV:fcl

Copies also sent to: Robert E. Hughes, Alabama
Nat Griswold, Arkansas
William K. Williams, Florida
Guy H. Wells, Georgia
Hugh Brimm, Kentucky
Harry S. Jones, North Carolina
Mrs. Alice Spearman, South Carolina
Dr. A. C. Miller, Tennessee
Rev. Edwin G. Kloppe, Texas
Dr. John H. Marion, Virginia

December 6, 1957

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218, Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hughes:

Enclosed you will find a copy of our most recent Newsletter. We are not sending a copy to each of the Board members as we ordinarily would since our state Board lists are not up to date. However, under separate cover we are sending you thirty copies of the Newsletter, which we would like you to distribute to them.

As soon as we have your most recent Board list, which I believe Fred Routh has requested, we will circulate the Newsletter from this office as in the past.

If there are persons other than Board members who you would like to have receive the Newsletter please let us know.

Sincerely,

Machion S. Garrison, Jr.
Intern

Enclosure.

MSG:fcl

December 9, 1957

Mr. Jerome Crossman
President
Ryan Consolidated Petroleum Corporation
3400 Republic National Bank Building
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Crossman:

I was delighted to receive your letter accepting re-election to the Board of the Southern Regional Council. Your continued membership means a great deal to us.

I would greatly appreciate your advice on a matter that is before us. Among the persons newly proposed for membership at the recent Annual Meeting was Mr. Stanley Marcus of Dallas. Would you give me your view as to the appropriateness of asking Mr. Marcus to serve? If you feel that an invitation is appropriate, would you be willing to discuss the matter with Mr. Marcus prior to our writing him?

I will be guided by your advice on both questions and will be most grateful for your help.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 9, 1957

Mr. Hedding Carter
Editor
The Delta-Democrat Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Hedding:

Many thanks for your letter accepting re-election to the board of the Council. Your continued membership means a lot to us.

I wonder if I can impose on you for a word of advice. Among those proposed at our annual meeting for invitation to membership was William Faulkner. My job is to see that he is appropriately invited, but mutual friends tell me he seldom answers letters and I have no prospect of seeing him. (Of course, I recognize that, however approached, he may well say no.)

Would you be willing to say a word to him, by letter or telephone at our expense, in favor of acceptance? I would follow up, of course, with a letter of invitation and background information, if it seemed indicated.

The latest election strengthened the Council, adding among others Paul Green and Irving Carlyle of North Carolina and Bell I. Wiley of Georgia. James M. Dabbs of South Carolina was elected president. The members at the annual meeting felt Faulkner would add considerable luster.

It's good to know that your book on Reconstruction is nearly finished. I'm sure it will be a fine contribution to the nation's understanding of that unhappy and myth-distorted period.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 9, 1957

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218 Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Sorry to inform you that the proposed publication of the Birmingham Compilation has fallen through. We have the stencils and a few copies already mimeographed. Let me know how many copies you will need for the Birmingham Council and I will get them to you right away.

Sorry about the publication, but I will try to see what I can do in other quarters.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

December 9, 1957

Mr. Irving M. Engel, President
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Engel:

Thank you so much for the advance copy of The People Take the Lead. It is a very valuable pamphlet and I would appreciate additional copies.

Thanking you, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

December 9, 1957

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hawthorne
400 Garfield
Pullman, Washington

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hawthorne:

Thank you for your letter of December 4, concerning copies of NEW SOUTH. Yes we have back copies available. These go back to about 1946, but I think back copies from January 1955 would serve your purpose.

We can supply ycu back copies of NEW SOUTH at twelve cents per copy. Please let us know if you wish these, and they will be mailed immediately.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

December 9, 1957

Mr. John Hope, II
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear John:

I am anxious to make the field services division of SRC as effective as possible. From time to time I get the feeling that we have not shown the imagination we might in program development. I would very much welcome a memo from you suggesting how we can improve our efforts. Such questions as these you might answer:

I Strategically what are the most important communities on which to concentrate at this time?
a) What should we do in these communities? (1) Role of Consultant Service Program. (2) Inter-agency cooperative effort.

II Can we develop meaningful program suggestions for state organizations in the hard core area?

III How can we improve communication between SRC and a) state organizations, b) other organizations in the inter-agency cooperative effort, c) church denominations, d) labor organizations, e) key people and status persons, and f) universities and youth groups?

IV What specific recommendations do you have for our internship training program?

V What better use can we make of our Board of Directors?

Any other suggestions you might have are more than welcome. Please feel free to write frankly and in detail.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

December 9, 1957

Rev. Robert E. Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218 Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Robert:

When I was over in Birmingham you asked three things: 1) an extra copy of the answer to the charges in Firing Line. It is enclosed herewith. 2) the name of the previous Board member from Alabama whom we discussed - his name is Louis E. Birnham. He is now in New York and therefore need not be worried about. 3) the status of the Birmingham compilation of church statement. Unfortunately the inter-faith group which planned to publish it has decided not to, at least at this time. We have mimeographed it and I am sending you, separately, a copy. I have given Ruth Alexander the 'package' and you will be hearing from us on this matter shortly.

Warm regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.

FBR:fcl

December 9, 1957

Dr. C. H. Parrish
926 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C.H.:

I am anxious to make the field services division of SRC as effective as possible. From time to time I get the feeling that we have not shown the imagination we might in program development. I would very much welcome a memo from you suggesting how we can improve our efforts. Such questions as these you might answer:

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Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

December 9, 1957

Mr. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N.E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Billiam:

That was a splendid job on the brochure of the Dade County schools. Would you be good enough to send us an additional 100 copies? If there is cost involved let us know. This is for distribution to key people in the South, suggesting they might do something comparable.

Warm regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

December 9, 1957

Mr. James Clarke
National Conference of Christians and Jews
1615 Chemical Building
St. Louis 1, Missouri

Dear Jim:

It certainly was good to see you at the NAIRO conference in Kansas City. I very much enjoyed our conversation and appreciated your understanding of the problems in the South. I sometimes worry about our Northern brethren who have stereotyped opinions about what can and should be done in program activities with very little real knowledge of our situation.

There are good possibilities that I will be out in St. Louis to speak to the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in February. If so, I certainly look forward to seeing you at that time.

I have just been over to Alabama and met with our group there. While the situation remains tense in Birmingham there are some signs of modest improvement. The ministers of the state - at least a group of white and Negro clergymen - plan to meet together in the next few weeks to discuss what is the appropriate role of the church in this time of crisis. It should be a significant conference.

Best regards to Jim McCrorey and Virgil.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

December 9, 1957

Mr. Gustave F. Falk
Area Director
The American Jewish Committee
523 Fidelity Building
Dallas 2, Texas

Dear Gus:

Many thanks for your letter of December 6. I am glad to hear that on your suggestion Ed Kloppe is preparing a report of his findings on Dallas. Unfortunately Ed is uncommunicative and I am not as closely abreast of the Dallas situation as I would hope to be. Please advise me of the date of the next meeting of the steering committee and I will make every effort to attend. It is imperative that representative Negro leaders be brought into the planning at this time. Without this leadership the group cannot enjoy the confidence of the Negro community. Without that confidence the group can have little significance.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

cc: Ed Kloppe

FBR:fcl

December 9, 1957

Rev Edwin F. Kloppe
Executive Director
Texas Council on Human Relations
407 West 27th Street
Austin, Texas

DEAR ED:

WHAT MUST I DO TO CAUSE YOU TO KEEP US

INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN DALLAS?

SINCERELY,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

December 10, 1957

Miss Patricia Dailey
Box 137
Bellport, New York

Dear Miss Dailey:

I am sorry but we do not have the type of information you are interested in. I would suggest you might choose a particular city or area in which you are interested and write to the Board of Education of that city and/or that state.

Several of the Southern high schools have exchange programs with foreign lands, but I do not know of any from other schools in the United States. As a beginning, you might write the Board of Education here in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

December 10, 1957

Mr. A. E. Cox
933 Chambliss Road
Memphis 16, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Cox:

Here are the promised Georgia Education Commission's folders on Highlander.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Encls.

December 10, 1957

United States Publication Department
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Will you please send us a copy of "Communism in the Mid-South."

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

December 11, 1957

Mr. Elmer A. Skonberg
1705 Clayton Road
Louisville 5, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Skonberg:

Again, we are sorry that copies of our publications were mailed to you without quoting cost to you as you requested.

However, for future reference as to the price on our publication NEW SOUTH, the price is twenty cents per copy. As I wrote before, our publications are sold for only a little more than cost. We usually have additional orders for NEW SOUTH over and above our regular subscription list and so we print enough to cover this demand. We seldom reduce prices on such copies that are left until they are a year or more old.

Again I am extremely sorry about this second misunderstanding; and in the future, I would suggest that you address such queries to me in person. We do appreciate your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

December 11, 1957

Mr. Alan S. Meyer
552 Riverside Drive, Apt. 6D
New York 27, New York

Dear Mr. Meyer:

Thank you for your letter of December 8, and your kind comments.

In the future I will send you any of the material we have which I think may be of use to you. However, our chief effort in the publications field is our monthly publication NEW SOUTH. Subscription price of this publication is two dollars per year. If you are interested in this publication, a sample of which is enclosed, please let me know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Encl. (November issue of NEW SOUTH)

December 11, 1957

Miss Katherine W. DuBois
5700 Waterbury Road
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Miss DuBois:

In answer to your recent letter, we are enclosing several of our publications. The Southern Regional Council is a non-political organization, and cannot participate in litigation or legislative debate.

Our role in the recent Civil Rights legislation was to provide facts concerning the present status of Negro suffrage in the South. This information was used during the debates by those favoring the passage of the present Public Law 85 - 315.

We are enclosing The Negro Voter in the South for your use and information.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bl
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Toward the South of the Future
Publications List
New South - October, 1957
The Negro Voter in the South

Enclosures:
The South Of Promise
Congressional Record (Paul Douglas)
Special Report(Organization and Personnel in Human Relations)
NEW SOUTH (October and November)

December 12, 1957

Mr. James L. Wiggins
Associate Pastor
Spurgeon Methodist Church
1025 W. Memory Lane
Santa Ana, California

Dear Mr. Wiggins:

It certainly was a pleasant surprise to hear from you in this morning's mail. We here at the Council remember Mrs. Wiggins' difficulties in Gwinnett County last year, and we are pleased to know that things seem to be going well with the both of you now.

Enclosed is a Special Report which includes the names of persons and agencies engaged in Human Relations activities in the South. These groups are all dedicated to furthering desegregation progress. Although the major emphasis of some of these groups is not desegregation, all of them include this type of planning in their over all program. Also included are several brochures on the Council's work and several copies of NEW SOUTH.

If we can be of additional help in this or any other matters, please do not hesitate to write us.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Encls.

December 12, 1957

Mr. Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218 Comer Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Bob:

We do not have sufficient quantity of the Religious Statement to send you one hundred, but we mailed you seventy-five today to the address you mentioned in your letter. Since the Birmingham Council did so much work on the statement we are not charging you for these copies, but we feel that you might spare us the postage which is $2.14.

We do not have additional copies for distribution to the Birmingham group just now but as soon as we can get some additional copies mimeographed, we will make them available. Due to the large number of pages in this report, we feel we must charge ten cents per copy in order to recoup some of the cost. However, I am sure we can work out something satisfactory to both of us.

Thank you for sending the statement for the resolution, but I don't think it feasible to include this in our report just now.

Things turned out well for us in regard to our occupancy of the building here, more of which you will hear later. Suffice it to say that if nothing else happens we shall continue our present address.

Glad to hear that you are feeling better after your bout in the hospital.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Letter also sent to attached list of people.

December 12, 1957

Mr. Lynwood Holland
Department of Political Science
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mr. Holland:

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of "The Negro Voter in the South", which I feel you will find of interest.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fel

BEST COPY AVAILABLE

Copy of "The Negro Voter in the South" sent to each of the following by BFV on December 11, 1957:

Lynwood Holland, Department of Political Science, Emory University

Charles Hourishell, Department of Political Science, Emory University

C. H. Pritchett, Department of Political Science, Chicago University, Chicago 37, Illinois

Charles Harden, " " " " " " "

Morton Grodzins, " " " " " " "

Martin Diamond, " " " " " " "

Robert Pickus, 4522 S. Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

James Mackay, 1245 Ridgewood Drive, N.E. Atlanta, Georgia

Matthew Lynch, Tennessee State Labor Council, 939 Church Street, Nashville, Tehnessee

Robert Rowe, Director of Education, Kentucky State Federation of Labor, 312 Armory Place, Louisville 2, Kentucky

B. C. Rippin, Alabama Labor Council, Lau Building, Montgomery, Alabama

C. M. Shaw, Director, Department of Education, Louisiana State Labor Council, 427 Ricou-Brewster Building, Shreveport, Louisiana

S. H. ("Lige") Williams, Director, AFL-CIO, Region 7, 1919 St. Claude Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana

Carey Haigler, Director, AFL-CIO, Region 5, 1106-10 Independence Building, Charlotte, North Carolina

C. H. Gillman, Regional Director, AFL-CIO, Hurt Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

Bill Dodds, Solidarity House, 8000 East Jefferson Avenue, Detroit 14, Michigan

Roy Reuther, " " " " " " " "

V. H. Williams, Executive Secretary, Arkansas State Labor Council, 415 National Old Line Building, Little Rock, Arkansas

Odell Smith, President, Arkansas State Labor Council, 411 National Old Line Building, Little Rock, Arkansas

Wilbur Hobby, Editor, Durham Labor Journal, P.O. Box 197, Durham, North Carolina

Julian Carper, 102 N. Belvidere Street, Richmond 20, Virginia

Julius Fry, International Representative, TWUA, 402 State Street, Greensboro, North Carolina

Julian Frazer, Field Representative, UAW, Railway Exchange Building, Kansas City, Missouri

Mr. Robert Rankin, Chairman, Political Science Department, Duke University, Durham, N.C. (Durham city councillor)

Earl Henderson, 526 St. Paul Place, Baltimore 2, Maryland

Cullen B. Gosnell, Director, Institute of Citizenship, Emory University

Note: attached letter sent to all the above except Robert Pickus, Matthew Lynch, Wilbur Hobby, Cullen B. Gosnell.

BEST COPY AVAILABLE

December 13, 1957

Mr. D. John Heyman
Secretary
New York Foundation, Inc.
61 Broadway
New York 6, New York

Dear Mr. Heyman:

Thank you for your kind letter of December 10 acknowledging our application for a grant from the New York Foundation and requesting our latest audited financial statement.

Enclosed is a copy of the recently completed audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1957. Audits have always seemed to me unnecessarily obscure and misleading. If you have questions about this one, I will be happy to add any clarification I can.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Audited Statement dated November 15, 1957)

December 13, 1957

Dr. Merrimon Cuninggim
Dean - Perkins School of Theology
Southern Methodist University
Dallas, Texas

Dear Dr. Cuninggim:

It is my pleasant duty to extend an invitation to you on behalf of the Southern Regional Council. It was the unanimous vote of our recent Annual Meeting that you be invited to membership on the Council's governing body.

To this invitation from the board I should like to add my personal hope that we may have your acceptance. There has never been a time when we needed wiser or more devoted leadership than now. Your experience and commitment in this field will give your service special value to the Council in these demanding times.

I deeply regret that it is not possible for me to come to Dallas to discuss this invitation with you. However, Mr. Jerome K. Crossman of Dallas has been a member of the Council since 1954 and I am sure he will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Other members of the Council from Texas are, Mrs. James S. Crate, Mrs. J. N. Rayzor, Mr. Charles A. Shaw and Mr. J. Edwin Smith, all of Houston. Members elsewhere are also named on the list enclosed.

I am enclosing materials which describe the aims, background, and current activities of the Council. If you would

like further information on any point, please don't hesitate to call on me.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Semi-ammual Report - SRC, 1957
The South of Promise
Partial List of Board Members
Congressional Record Reprint - July 26, 1957
Organizational Chart, SRC

December 14, 1957

Rev. Allen Phillips
The Wesley Memorial Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Phillips:

This is to confirm our understanding, reached in yesterday's discussion, regarding the rental of additional space in the Wesley Memorial Building by the Southern Regional Council.

As I understand our agreement, the Council will retain the space it now occupies and, in addition, will rent the third-floor space formerly occupied by the YWCA. The total monthly rental will be $300.00. We understand that any redocoration or alterations will be done by the Council rather than the building.

If it is agreeable to you, we will be prepared to begin this new arrangement as of the first of January.

We are grateful to you for the help and consideration you have given us, and are looking forward to a continued pleasant association under the new arrangement.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

14 December '57

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul,

Several of the human relations agencies in Florida have been working with a group of clergymen--both Protestant and Jewish--to have a conference at which the Governor may speak forth on law and order.

These clergymen are anxious to have all the religious groups of the state represented. They have been unsuccessful in getting any Catholic clergymen to participate. I think you know the position of the Bishop. Do you know of any way in which he might be approached on this most important issue ? It would be tragic not to have the Holy Mother Church represented at such a critical point in Florida's transitional period.

Quite a few prominent clergymen have signed a letter, which will soon be sent to the Governor, asking him to address them on the theme of maintaining law and order and the prevention of violence.

The coordinator of the inter-agency movement in the Miami area is Seymour Samet, AJC, 1208 Congress Bldg., Miami 32, Florida. In the event that you think of any approach to the Bishop it would be helpful if you contacted Mr. Samet directly.

The very best of Christmas wishes to you and the family and with hopes for a healthy and happy New Year.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/s

14 December '57

Mr. Stanley Leibner
AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE
1208 Congress Building
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Stanley:

The proposed clergymen's conference sounds more and more exciting. Obviously, the more widely representative the group, the greater the impact their meeting and pronouncements will have.

As you note in your letter, Seymour asked me if I could talk with some Catholic representative to CCD about getting cooperation from the Catholic Church in Florida in the proposed conference. I talked with several Catholic laymen at the NAIRO Annual Meeting about this and there was almost unaminous feeling that the Bishop of St. Augustine was anything but anxious to participate in inter-faith conferences. This I remembered from my days in Florida.

Several things may be possible, however. The NCCJ, if it is cooperating in this program, might reach him from the national staff level. Louis A. Radelet, Director of their Commission on Community Organizations, is a prominent Catholic layman and might be able to reach the Bishop. Second, it might be possible for Bishop Louttit and the AME Bishop to jointly request his participation or permission for priests to participate. Third, Priests of Holy Orders are more free to participate in such meetings than are parish priests. This brings to mind two things: Barry College; and Jesu which is served by Jesuits. Oh, one other thing, at the Department of Human Relations we used to have a nun, whose name (as I recall) was Mother Mary Joseph, attend meetings. Don Sprague would remember her; she was from St.Therese (probably wrong saint) in the Gables...the scholl connected with the Church of the Little Flower.

I have written Paul Williams, Knight of St. Gregory, about this,too and asked that if he had any good thoughts to write Seymour.

Best regards to Seymour and Bill and to you all seasons greetings.

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

December 14, 1957

Dr. A. C. Miller
Executive Secretary
The Christian Life Commission
Southern Baptist Convention
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Miller:

I greatly appreciated your kind letter of December 12, and of course I respect your reasons for feeling that you cannot accept another organizational position.

I reproach myself, however, for not being clearer about the reasons behind our invitation and the nature of Southern Regional Council membership. The full Council meets only once a year -- usually in November. Otherwise, there are no obligatory demands on the time or energy of the members. Policy responsibilities between annual meetings are exercised by the Executive Committee, the members of which are indicated on the enclosed list of Council membership.

The fact that you agreed to accept the presidency of the Tennessee Council was a major factor in our hope that you would become a member of the Southern Regional Council. Your leadership in that capacity is a very real service to the purposes of this Council.

I do hope you will reconsider the matter in the light of this belated information. And in any case, rest assured

that you have our deepest respect and appreciation for all that you do.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures
List of bd. mbrs. with Ex. Ctee. indicated

December 14, 1957

Dr. Willis G. Wright
The National Council of the
Protestant Episcopal Church
Church Mission House
381 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Wright:

The generous support of the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church has meant a great deal to the Southern Regional Council over the years. As the new year approaches, we hope you will feel that the work of the Council merits your continued support.

The past year has been marked by critical developments on the Southern scene. Many of these, especially the Little Rock experience and the scattered outbreaks of violence throughout the region, have been discouraging. However, less publicized developments have given grounds for hope. There is a growing awareness and expression among responsible community leaders, the dedicated clergy and others, that law, order, and decency must prevail. Within these areas the Southern Regional Council continues its work.

These positive forces have been a source of much encouragement to us. We continue to believe that the church people of the South will play a decisive part in solving our racial problems. It pleases us, as I am sure it does you, that Episcopalians in the South are so frequently in the forefront of constructive efforts.

We are enclosing three of our recent publications: "The South of Promise" which briefly describes the current work of the Council; New South of November 1957, which includes a

statement by 80 Atlanta ministers; and a special report, "Religious Bodies and The Supreme Court Decision". Also enclosed is a current list of our Board members.

Among the enclosures is a copy of our proposed budget for the coming year, with an estimate of income expectable and income to be raised from new sources. As in years past, we face a sizeable fund-raising task during 1958. It is a far less formidable task, however, because of the support of our long standing friends. We are especially grateful to be able to include in this category the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

With kindest regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures cc: Middleton Ltr.

December 14, 1957

Dr. W. Vernon Middleton
Executive Secretary
Division of National Missions of the
Board of Missions of the Methodist Church
1701 Arch Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Middleton:

The generous support of the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions has meant a great deal to the Southern Regional Council over the years. As the new year approaches, we hope you will feel that the work of the Council merits your continued support.

The past year has been marked by critical developments on the Southern scene. Many of these, especially the Little Rock experience and the scattered outbreaks of violence throughout the region, have been discouraging. However, less publicized developments have given grounds for hope. There is a growing awareness and expression among responsible community leaders, the dedicated clergy and others, that law, order, and decency must prevail. Within these areas the Southern Regional Council continues its work.

These positive forces have been a source of much encouragement to us. We continue to believe that the church people of the South will play a decisive part in solving our racial problems. It pleases us, as I am sure it does you, that Methodists in the South are so frequently in the forefront of constructive efforts.

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statement by 80 Atlanta ministers; and a special report, "Religious Bodies and The Supreme Court Decision". Also enclosed is a current list of our Board members.

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With kindest regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures: South of Promise
Novemberm, NEW SOUTH
In the Hearts of Men
Statement - Religious Bodies and the Supreme Court Decision
List of Board Members
Proposed Budget - 1958

December 14, 1957

Mr. E. U. Robinson
P. O. Box 516
Gallatin, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

This is the first chance I have had to write you since we learned the outcome of the Trustees meeting on Monday. As you may already have heard from Mrs. Tilly, or Mrs. Trimble, the result was all we could have hoped. The Trustees gave us a full and very courteous hearing. Although we haven't yet had any official word, we have been told informally that the Trustees present unanimously agreed that there is no substance to the charges made against the Council and that we should not be asked to vacate.

Mrs. Trimble did a wonderful job of expressing the interest of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and Mrs. Tillman's fine letter to the Bishop was read to the meeting. The Woman's Division has meant a great deal over the years to the Council and to the South as a whole. In these trying times, your support and confidence are invaluable to us.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mrs. Tillman.

With appreciation and warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL

December 14, 1957

Mr. Jerome K. Crossman
President
Ryan Consolidated Petroleum Corporation
3400 Republic National Bank Building
Dallas 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Crossman:

I am most grateful for your prompt approach to Mr. Marcus, and apologetic for failing to send appropriate descriptive material.

Enclosed are several items dealing with the origin and activities of the Council, including a current list of Board members. If Mr. Marcus should wish further information on any point, I shall be glad to supply it.

With appreciation and kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures for Mr. Marcus: Semi-annual report - SRC
South of Promise
Partial List of Board Members
Congressional Record Reprint

December 14, 1957

Mrs. J. Fount Tillman
The Woman's Division of Christian Service
The Methodist Church
Lewisburg, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Tillman:

This is the first chance I have had to write you since we learned the outcome of the Trustees meeting on Monday. As you may already have heard from Mrs. Tilly or Mrs. Trimble, the result was all we could have hoped. The Trustees gave us a full and very courteous hearing. Although we haven't yet had any official word, we have been told informally that the Trustees present unanimously agreed that there is no substance to the charges made against the Council and that we should not be asked to vacate.

Mrs. Trimble did a wonderful job of expressing the interest of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and your fine letter to the Bishop was read to the meeting. We are ever so grateful to you for your concern and help. The Woman's Division has meant a great deal over the years to the Council and to the South as a whole. In these trying times, your support and confidence are invaluable to us.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mrs. Robinson.

With appreciation and warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/smf

December 14, 1957

Mrs. H. B. Trimble
Box 725
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Trimble:

Since I haven't spoken with you since we learned the outcome of Monday's meeting, I want to express our heartfelt thanks for your confidence and invaluable help. The Woman's Division of Christian Service has always meant a great deal to us -- but never more than it did Monday. Your wonderful statement of support in the meeting meant more than I can say, and I am sure that it greatly helped the trustees to reach a unanimous and constructive decision.

I have written Mrs. Tillman and Mrs. Robinson expressing our appreciation to them and to the Woman's Division.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 14, 1957

Mr. David J. McDonald, President
United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO
1500 Commonwealth Building
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. McDonald:

This is to request the continued support of the Steelworkers, in the increased amount of $2,000, for the work of the Southern Regional Council. The contributions which we have received from organized labor have been a source of real strength and encouragement; and we are especially grateful for the steady support that the Steelworkers have given us over the years.

This is a time of increased tensions in the South; in some areas there has been a marked stiffening of resistance. The pressures and demands on all who work for a democratic and peaceful solution to Southern problems have multiplied beyond bounds. Of course, this is also a time of many opporunities for positive action. As this challenge has grown, the Council has sought to increase its staff and activities to meet it. The enclosed reports give a brief account of where we stand today. I hope they convey, too, some notion of our conviction that this regional movement, almost uniquely, can unite Southerners of good will for effective actions at a time when reactionary forces are trying to divide and intimidate them.

In this effort, we count the unions among our most valuable allies. I trust that the needs of our time and the larger efforts of the Southern Regional Council will justify your organization's increased contribution to us.

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I look forward to the continued financial assistance from the United Steelworkers of America -- and, even more importantly, to your friendship and cooperation as we work toward our common goals.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures : Audited Statement - 1957
Congressional Record Reprint - July 26, 1957
Summary of Activities... SRC
Summary of Labor
March Labor Conference
Negro Voter in the South
South of Promise

cc: Frank Shane
Loren Nelles
Boyd Wilson

Loren

December 16, 1957

Mr. M. A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

This is the first chance I have had to write you since we learned the outcome of the meeting of the Wesley Memorial Building Trustees, before which we appeared last Monday.

They gave us a very fair and courteous hearing, after which they agreed unanimously that our status as tenants should remain undisturbed. Mr. Dabbs and Dr. Clement gave us very effective representation, as you would suppose.

Mr. Dabbs has passed on with his approval your letter concerning the Civil Rights Commission. I agree entirely and will follow through on your suggestions as time and circumstances permit.

We continue to rejoice in the acceptances of Mr. Carlyle and Mr. Green and to marvel appreciatively at the persuasiveness of your approach.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 16, 1957

Mr. W. H. Ferry
Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Ping:

I think your response to Mr. Montgomery was exactly right. Next thing you know, somebody will propose that we diffuse the non-conformists, so that nobody will have to put up with too much of their yammering. If so, we can use a few more down here!

Sorry the Solow study didn't work out. Maybe his discovery that nobody will discuss the matter at all is as important a finding as any the study might have yielded.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 16, 1957

Mr. Colbert S. Cartwright
Pulaski Heights Christian Church
Hillcrest and Spruce
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Bert:

Thanks for your letter and the copy of what you wrote to Liston Pope.

I think your proposal for a Dallas study is very good. If an opportunity arises for me to further it, you can be sure I will

The commission being considered by the State Board of Education could be of great importance. I'll appreciate further word from you if and as it develops.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 16, 1957

Rev. J. W. Veatch
801 Vernon Street
LaGrange, Georgia

Dear Mr. Veatch:

I want to express my thanks and those of the Southern Regional Council for the opportunity to be represented before the last meeting of the Board of Trustees.

No one could have asked for a more generous and courteous hearing than we received.

I am returning to Mr. Budd the materials he madeavailable to us on behalf of the Board.

Assuring you of our wish to be of every service to the Turstees and with kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 16, 1957

Dr. Bell I. Wiley
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Bell:

We are delighted to have your acceptance of Council membership. I'm looking forward to our association and will be calling on you for advice as time goes on.

I was delighted to read in the New York Times of your appointment to the Civil War Centennial Commission. The South couldn't have better representation.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 16, 1957

Mr. C. A. McKnight
THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Pete:

I do understand, of course.

While I'm sorry you can't accept, I couldn't agree more that the job you're doing with the Observer comes first.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/smf

December 16, 1957

Mrs. Austin L. Kimball,
3131 S. W. 1st Avenue,
Black Acres,
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mrs. Kimball:

Thanks for your very welcome letter of acceptance.

I hope I will have the pleasure of meeting you in the not-too-distant future.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 16, 1957

Mr. F. J. van Wyk
Assistant-Director
South African Institute of Race Relations
W. O. 219
Auden House
68 De Korte Street
Johannesburg, South Africa

Dear Mr. van Wyk:

How nice to hear from you.

Of course we know your publications and should be delighted to exchange with the South African Institute. I am arranging for you to receive New South and our other occasional publications free of charge.

We remember your visit with pleasure, and I continue to hear about you as I move about in human relations circles. We were also glad to have a visit from Dr. Hellman recently.

The Mitchells are safely enconsed in Scotland - address, Glencoe, Argyll, SCOTLAND. I know that they would be delighted to hear from you.

With all good wishes to you and your colleagues,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
(Dictated by Mr. Fleming but signed in his absence.)

December 16, 1957

MEMO

To: A. L. Rivers

From: M. Flowers

Please see that the following person receives New South and other occasional publications released from this office.

Mr. F. J. van Wyk
Assistant-Director
South African Institute of Race Relations
W. O. 219
Auden House
68 De Korte Street
Johannesburg, South Africa

December 16, 1957

Mr. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N.E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

Many thanks for your prompt response with a hundred copies of "Dade County Schools and Desegregation". Thanks, too, for the current list of Florida Board members. I will be home for Christmas and will certainly be in touch with you.

Enclosed is a check for $3.00 for the hundred copies.

Wishing you a Cool Yule and a Frantic First.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.

FBR:fcl

December 17, 1957

Mr. George Field, Executive Secretary
Robert P. Patterson Memorial Conference
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Field:

I am deeply appreciative of the invitation to the "off-the-record discussions" at Arden House, January 17 - 19. I consider it a privilege to have the opportunity to be with you.

It is when groups like this get together for discussions of the problems that face us that we gain courage to go on.

Thanking you, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

Same letter sent to:

Mrs. John W. Curry

December 17, 1957

Mrs. D. M. Howard
309 Garden Spring Lane
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Howard:

The date for our Conference on Study Laws already passed and Proposed Legislation curbing the right to vote, has been set for January 21. We will meet at Wesley Memorial Church.

Travel expenses will be cared for. The meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. and I believe this will give you time to reach Atlanta.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

Same letter sent to:
Mrs. Robert L. Wilcox
Mrs. E. K. Wittl
Mrs. J. R. Beach

December 17, 1957

Mrs. Ben Russell
834 Tusculum Boulevard
Greenville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Russell:

The date for our Conference on Study Laws already passed and Proposed Legislation curbing the right to vote, has been set for January 21. We will meet at Wesley Memorial Church.

I think we told you that travel expenses will be cared for. The meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. and I believe this will give you time to reach Atlanta.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

December 17, 1957

Mr. Art Levin
Anti-Defamation League
41 Exchange Place, S. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Art:

This is just a note to inform you that on January 21, we are having a Conference here at Wesley Memorial Church on Study Laws already passed and Proposed Legislation curbing the right to vote. The meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m., and we hope you will be with us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

December 17, 1957

Mrs. Ruby Hurley
Southeast Regional Office NAACP
859 Hunter Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Hurley:

The date for the Conference on Study Laws already passed and Proposed Legislation curbing the right to vote, has been set for January 21. The meeting will be at Wesley Memorial Church, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Sincerely,

Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to the
Director of Women's Work

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Same letter sent to:
Mrs. Carlton Binns
Mrs. Arthur Styron
Mrs. G. W. Longino
Mrs. J. W. E. Bowen
Mrs. L. J. Dennison
Mrs. Ed A. Albright
Miss Annie Tait Jenkins
Rev. Miss Annie Campbell
Mrs. Fred Patterson

December 17, 1957

Mrs. W. Sheffield Owens
3875 N. Stratford Road, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Owens:

The date for our Conference on Study Laws already passed and Proposed Legislation curbing the right to vote, has been set for January 21. We will meet at Wesley Memorial Church, beginning at 11:00 a.m. We hope you will be with us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

December 17, 1957

Mr. Alfred C. Payne
Secretary for Campus Work
Southern Area Council - YMCA
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Payne:

Under separate cover we are sending you 15 copies of the Special Report, Organizations and Personnel Engaged in Human Relations Activities in the South, as requested in your letter of the 10th.

If we can be of further help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

December 17, 1957

Mr. Leo Pfeffer
American Jewish Congress
Stephen Wise Congress House
15 East 64th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Mr. Pfeffer:

Enclosed you will find a copy of our Special Report, Organizations and Personnel Engaged in Human Relations Activities in the South, as requested in your letter of the 10th.

If we can be of further help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1.

December 17, 1957

Mr. James S. Brown
THE PRESBYTERIAN OUTLOOK
1 North 6th Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brown:

Enclosed you will find a copy of our Special Report, Organizations and Personnel Engaged in Human Relations Activities in the South, as requested by your letter of the 13th. We are also enclosing a copy of the Report, Religious Bodies and The Supreme Court Decision, which you may find useful.

If we can be of further help please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures - 2.

December 17, 1957

Rev. W. C. Budd
Glenn Memorial Church
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mr. Budd:

I have returned to Dr. Rumble the materials which you were kind enough to send us on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

We were most grateful for the opportunity to be represented before the Trustees and for the courtesy and consideration extended to us. I am also writing Mr. Veatch to express our appreciation.

Please call on me whenever the Council can be of assistance in this or any other matter.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 17, 1957

Mr. P. D. East
Box 349
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Mr. East:

In the absence of Mr. Fleming we are answering your letter of the 9th. Our records show a number of persons who were helpful in promoting The Petal Paper during the year. Those who contributed substantial amounts were:

Joseph L. Rauh, Jr.
Americans for Democratic Action

Edwin J. Lukas
American Jewish Committee

Richard McClain
19 Polk Place
White Plains, New York

In addition to the above, Emanual Muravchik of the Jewish Labor Committee, 24 East 78th Street, New York 21, arranged for fifteen subscriptions.

We also note that Harry Fleischman of the National Labor Service, 386 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, handled the distribution of 11,000 promotional copies of the paper which were sent to the following:

Ed Hollander
Americans for Democratic Action

Alfred Kramer
National Council of Churches
297 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

Will D. Campbell
National Council of Churches
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Nelson C. Jackson
National Urban League
14 East 48th Street
New York, New York

John Morsell
N. A. A. C. P.
20 West 40th Street
New York, New York

Alexander Miller
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

These names and addresses we include since each of the above individuals and organizations may well consider giving additional help and promotion during 1958. Certainly, they are worth contacting.

We continue to read and appreciate the Petal Paper and will continue to be of any possible help. And, we will be happy to serve again as the forwarder of funds as the need arises.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

December 17, 1957

Miss Evelyn H. Roberts
Co-Chairman, Public Forum Committee
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
4644 Lee Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Miss Roberts:

The date of February 2nd is a happy one for me for it will enable me to speak to your group and miss very little time from the office. As you requested I shall arrive before noon on Sunday.

I believe the easiest way to handle finances is for me to submit a voucher at the meeting for I will know then what expenses are involved.

This is just a note of acceptance. I will forward the material you requested in the near future.

With best wishes for the holiday season.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

December 17, 1957

Mrs. Alice B. Warner
170 Second Avenue
New York 3, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Warner:

Thank you for your letter of December 13th asking about the possibilities of working with the internship program of the Southern Regional Council. This position, and there is only one, has been filled since the first of October by a promising young man. There are no other positions open at the Council at this time. We will keep your application on file, however, for consideration when openings do arise.

Meanwhile, I would suggest that you write to:

Mr. John Lassoe, Executive Secretary
National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials
152 West 42nd Street, Room 1508
New York 36, N.Y.

John Lassoe keeps for NAIRO a list of open positions in this field and a list of prospective employees. There is a small charge for being so listed. I believe it would be worth while. If we can be of further assistance to you please let us know.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

December 17, 1957

Dr. Malcolm Moos, Director
Committee on Government and Higher Education
108 West Thirty-Ninth Street
Baltimore 10, Maryland

Dear Dr. Moos:

Thank you for your kind letter of December 9th. We were only too happy to assist Mr. Glenn Brooks, your representative.

I am sending with this a copy of an article from The New Republic which pretty well summarises the Guy Wells episode. The outcome of the affair is not specified in this article. What happened was this: 1) Dr. Wells' title of President Emeritus was taken away from him by the Board of Regents. 2) The State Retirement Fund Board refused to take away his retirement benefits.

Dr. Wells is still the "happy warrior" and is doing a good job of reaching some of the power structure of the state with a message of democracy.

If we find any further information which might be of interest to you we will be happy to send it along.

Please give my regards to Glenn Brooks.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.

FBR:fcl

December 17, 1957

Mr. John R. May
Executive Director
The San Francisco Foundation
Balfour Building
351 California Street
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mr. May:

Your letter to Mr. Fleming of December 12 has been received. However, Mr. Fleming is presently in New York and will not return to the office until the end of the week. I shall call your letter to his attention immediately upon his return and I am sure he will be more than pleased to discuss the matter of which you inquire then.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary

/MF

December 17, 1957

Mr. William Peters
921 Grant Avenue
Pelham Manor, New York

Dear Bill:

Here is some of the material you asked Harold to get mailed to you.

Unfortunately, we have been unable to discover any statement by Bishop Claiborne concerning church budgets. I telephoned his office and his personal secretary checked with Bishop Claiborne and he does not recall any statement along this line.

Enclosed is a thermo-fax copy of a statement by Bishop Stuart concerning race, however, it has nothing to do with budgets. Perhaps this can be of help.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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December 17, 1957

Mr. Arthur M. Dye, Jr.
1641 Providence Road
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Arthur Dye:

My sincere apologies for our lack of promptness in writing to you. We are in the unfortunate position of having no openings in the Council at the present time but have been spearing about seeing if there was some way we could find an opening in a like-minded agency. We think very highly of your aunt, Liz Siceloff and also, of course, of Morris Mitchell.

I would suggest that probably your best bet would be to write to:

John Lassoe, Executive Secretary
National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials
152 West 42nd Street, Room 1508
New York 36, N.Y.

John Lassoe keeps a file of employment opportunities and another of prospective employees. There is a small charge to be so listed, but I am convinced it would be worth your while. Another possibility, of course, is to do some special graduate work in the field of human relations, and I believe the best work in the country is being done at New York University's Center for Human Relations Studies. You might write Dr. Dan W. Dodson there. His address is:

NYU Center for Human Relations Studies
Press Annex Building
Washington Square East
New York 3, N.Y.

Mr. Arthur M. Dye, Jr. December 17, 1957

If there is anything further we can do to assist you in your desire to become a professional in this field please let us know.

With every good wish for the holiday season.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

December 17, 1957

Mr. Frank Shane
United Steelworkers of America
1500 Commonwealth Building
Pittsburgh 22, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to President McDonald requesting continued and increased assistance from the Steelworkers to the Southern Regional Council.

The steady money from unions and from church groups is especially needed by the Council. Expanded activities and the necessity for raising money from new sources makes us doubly appreciative of those organizations which contribute on an annual basis.

It has been a mark of the real concern of unions for the problems with which we deal that they have always contributed to our general budget without specifying special use of the funds. This is a great aid in running a general program, flexible enough to meet a rapidly changing situation.

Of course you know that the Steelworkers' contribution to Ben's program has been most valuable to my end of the work here. Nevertheless, the continued support of the Council as a whole is crucial to any of the specialized programs that it may initiate or participate in. In truth, the Steelworkers' annual grant has gone towards watering the all-important stem that makes the flowers possible.

I wanted you to know that the enclosed request had gone in and for you to have some of the materials that indicate what we do and how we operate.

Continued . . .

Mr. Frank Shane December 17, 1957

Shortly after the first of the year I plan to be in touch with you regarding some program ideas and a special labor conference which we hope to be planning.

Best personal wishes. It was good to have had some time with you in Washington a few weeks back.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosure.

EFV:fcl

December 17, 1957

Mr. Boyd Wilson
United Steelworkers of America
1500 Commonwealth Building
Pittsburgh 22, Pennsylvania

Dear Boyd:

You never seem to come South anymore - perhaps we should arrange a meeting in Birmingham. Pardon the jests after so much silence from my end of the line.

The enclosed is a request for continued and increased support from the Steelworkers to the Southern Regional Council. I wanted you to know that the request had been made and for you to see a sampling of materials which indicate our work.

The labor scene is fairly quiet, not too positive, but honestly improved in terms of who is willing to talk reasonably about what. I like to think that our own efforts have contributed to this end. I've put in a fair amount of labor education time on "Southern problems" - most recently I've been getting at local leadership by way of state labor body area meetings.

We will soon be planning some further meetings which you will hear about.

Let me know if there is ever anything at this end of the line that I can do for you, and I am always waiting to receive news of happenings down here that you think would be of interest; it is not unusual for a national office to hear of something before we do.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant.

Enclosure.

EFV:fcl

December 17, 1957

Mr. Loren H. Nelles, Director
United Steelworkers of America, District 35
95 Merritts Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Loren:

Enclosed is a copy of our annual request to the Steelworkers for a contribution to the Southern Regional Council. The support of the Steelworkers is greatly appreciated by the Council as have been your own efforts on our behalf with the national. I wanted you to know that this request has gone in and that we were asking for an increase in the amount given to the Council. Whatever good word you can put in for the Southern Regional Council will be warmly welcomed by us.

I hope to be in touch with you soon after the first of the year regarding a conference for union staffers which I believe will be both more attractive and effective than our past efforts.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosure.

EFV:fcl

December 17, 1957

Mr. Joseph Haas
1116 First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

I rather hate to impose upon you for so small a matter as this, but I wonder if you would look over the enclosed proposed by-law articles.

Several of the state organizations have been asking for suggested by-law stipulations for two types of local organizations: one would be a fairly small organization in a small to medium sized community. This would be tied into the state organization as an integral part. The other would be a large organization in one of the great metropolitan centers of the state and would have limited autonomy.

If you would look over the two proposed articles and offer any suggestions or revisions we would be most appreciative.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.

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This letter also sent to: Mrs. James S. Crate
Mrs. Sarah Patton Boyle
Mr. David Scull
Mrs. Louis Jaffe

and carbon copies to: John Hope, II
C. H. Parrish

December 18, 1957

Mr. Gustave F. Falk
Area Director
The American Jewish Committee
523 Fidelity Building
Dallas 2, Texas

Dear Gus:

I am sending you the enclosed brochure, "Dade County Schools and Desegregation", because your community faces court ordered desegregation and because of your well known interest in smooth social transition. This brochure was prepared, as you will note on its cover, by a group of citizens representing many community organizations.

While we recognize that no two communities face exactly the same problems, we are aware that they face many similar problems. A brochure such as this could well serve as a guide for a comparable study and report in your community.

We are sending eight copies so that you may distribute them to key people in your community. You know these people far better than we do but we would suggest that one be sent to the chairman of the School Board and one to the Superintendent. Should you need more copies you may obtain them from the Community Planning Committee at their offices at 213 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida. They cost $3.00 per hundred.

With the best of wishes for the holiday season.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

December 18, 1957

Mr. F. A. Blossom
R.F.D.I.
East Palatka
Florida

Dear Mr. Blossom:

At the request of Mrs. Tilly of our staff I am sending you under separate cover some copies of "Dare They Witness".

Thanks for your interest in this situation; we are rather fully informed about happenings there including the items for sale.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

December 18, 1957

Rev. Ed. Cahill
605 Boulevard, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ed:

Enclosed is a copy of the memo I have just written to Dr. Peters. I discussed with Frances Pauley some revisions of her proposed by-laws for the Atlanta Council and suggested the appointment by you of a continuing committee to negotiate with a similar committee from the Georgia Council. I think the memo is clear on this point, therefore I would suggest that you appoint a continuing committee for this purpose. Without a doubt Mrs. Pauley would make a good member of that committee, though the decision as to personnel of the committee is entirely your prerogative.

With best wishes for the holiday season.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.

FBR:fcl

MEMORANDUM

December 18, 1957

To: Dr. E. C. Peters, Chairman
Georgia Council on Human Relations

From: Frederick B. Routh, Assistant Director
Southern Regional Council

Re: Affiliate organizations

Pursuant to our discussion of the 16th December I am placing in writing some of the things we talked about. I suggest that as Chairman of the Georgia Council on Human Relations you appoint a continuing committee of three to five persons to meet and enter negotiations with a similar continuing committee from the greater Atlanta Council on Human Relations. It would be their responsibility to work out the basic terms of affiliation between the two groups and then to submit their recommendations to the respective executive committees of the two organizations. Before the affiliation became effective the executive committees would have to approve the terms of affiliation.

I have drafted some proposed by-law articles dealing with both local chapters and affiliated organizations. These are now at our legal counsel's and upon their return I shall distribute them to the various state organizations, including, of course, the Georgia Council. I will be happy to meet with the committees if they think it helpful. I would suggest that the committees be appointed as soon as conveniently possible and that their first meeting be scheduled for some time in early January.

bc: Dr. Wells
Ed Cahill

December 18, 1957

Mr. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N.E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Billiam:

There has been a drastic mistake that calls for prompt action on your part, for lo and behold when we undid the package containing a purported 100 copies of the brochure on the Dade County Schools we discovered that one of two things had happened: 1) book worms ate 50 of them. 2) you only shipped 50 of them. 3) they proved such interesting reading that the postal inspector passed them around the post office. 4) they weighed too much and half of them were jettisoned by the pilot of the air mail plane which brought them. 5) the Attorney General of Georgia seized half of them, suspecting they were subversive material.

Whatever the reason, there were only 50. Please tear our check in half and send one half back. Cash the remaining half for $1.50 in payment of the 50 brochures you sent us, or better yet, send us another 50!

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Sherlock Holmes Routh
Assistant Investigator

SHR:FBR:fcl

December 18, 1957

Mr. Edward P. Morgan
Newscaster
American Broadcasting Company
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Morgan:

I am enclosing a copy of "The Negro Voter in the South". If you have not already received a copy through some other channel, I thought you would like to have it for general background information.

Also enclosed is a Congressional Record reprint which will serve in some measure to identify the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosures.

EFV:fcl

December 18, 1957

Mr. John W. Vandercook
Newscaster
American Broadcasting Company
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Vandercook:

I am enclosing a copy of "The Negro Voter in the South". If you have not already received a copy through some other channel, I thought you would like to have it for general background information.

Also enclosed is a Congressional Record reprint which will serve in some measure to identify the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

Enclosures.

December 19, 1957

Mr. Ralph McGill, Editor
Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. McGill:

Yesterday I was hurried and so were you, and after I left I was not sure if I made clear the dates for the Briefing Conference of Methodist women, to be followed by workshops in the Southern States.

The place is Clark College, and I will let you know later the building in which the conference will be held. What we are asking of you is to speak either on the evening of January 23rd or in the morning of the 24th.

The subject we have for you is "World Implications of The Race Issue in United States."

I think you know how strong the voice of Methodist women in the South and how important this conference really is. You would certainly be rendering a great service to the Methodist Church, and I believe to the South.

This Conference is under the direction of our National organization - "The Woman's Division of Christian Service of The Methodist Church."

Please have someone call me - Jackson 2-8764 when you know if you will be free to be with us on January 23rd or 24th. If I am not in, the message may be left for me.

I apologize for crowding in on your heavy schedule yesterday, but it was necessary.

With kindest regards, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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December 19, 1957

Mr. Tom Moore McBride, Managing Editor
The Public Employee
American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees,
AFL-CIO
815 Mount Vernon Place, N.W.
Washington 1, D.C.

Dear Mr. McBride:

We were interested in the copy of The Public Employee which we received recently. We would like to see it regularly and wonder if you would be willing to exchange it with our own monthly publication, New South. If so, I will arrange for your name to be put on our mailing list. I am enclosing a copy of the current issue of New South and also a copy of a recent study published by the Southern Regional Council, The Negro Voter in the South.

Please address communications to Emory F. Via, Labor Consultant, at the above address.

Sincerely,

Secretary to
Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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December 20, 1957

Mr. R. L. Williams
National Social Action Director
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
Box 213, Florida A. & M. University
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Williams:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, one hundred fifty copies of "Public Ethics and the Integration Question" and one hundred copies of our Publication Listings. We hope this will be of some aid to you.

With best wishes for your Conclave.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

December 20, 1957

Mr. L. L. Engelking
New York Herald Tribune
230 West 41st Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Engelking:

Pardon the delay in mailing you a copy of The Negro Voter in the South. We do appreciate the kind comments about New South.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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Encl.

December 20, 1957

Mr. Arnold Aronson
President
National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials
152 West 42nd Street, Room 1508
New York 36, N.Y.

Dear Arnie:

Have just received your letter of the 18th and hasten to reply. I trust that the federal mails in spite of the rush will get it to you before the Christmas deadline.

I like the letter and believe it covers the situation thoroughly. I have made some suggested corrections in language which you may accept or reject at will. There is no pride of editorship on my part.

Best personal regards and happy Chanukah.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.

FBR:fcl

December 23, 1957

Mrs. Margaret Price
Route 1, Box 272
McLean, Virginia

Dear Margaret:

Thank you very much for the recent Christmas card and the thoughts enclosed. I do hope you and Bem are having a good holiday.

The Voting pamphlet has received much attention and is in great demand. I suppose you saw John Popham's New York Times article concerning it, if not, please let me know and I shall mail you a copy. As a direct result of this article we received a large number of requests from government officials and from the general public as well. Even the Voice of America sent its Atlanta representative by the Council for a couple of copies.

Another interesting request came from Martin Luther King and his Southern Leadership Conference. A Catholic priest, who is on our Board, distributed it rather widely to his group in the Southwest, and of course we have had individual requests too numerous to mention.

If you would like some thermo-fax copies of some of the letters, please let me know.

I do hope you can come see us again soon. With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

December 23, 1957

Mr. Harold K. Hughes
650 Lakeside Drive
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Hughes:

Thank you very much for the clippings from the Wall Street Journal. We do appreciate your interest very much.

We necessarily have to depend on good friends such as you for a great many of our clippings and we are always pleased when someone sends us something of interest.

Again thanks.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

December 23, 1957

Mr. Artis Lark, Jr.
1818 Pinkney Street
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Lark:

Your letter to Mr. Harold Fleming has been referred to me.

We are mailing you, under separate cover, some material from the Council which may be of help to you. Also included is our most recent Publication Listings. If there is any additional material listed here which might help you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

December 26, 1957

Mr. Hallock Hoffman
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Hallock:

Your memo summing up our conversation was a masterly job, and I am duly grateful. May "appropriate tenderness" characterize all our relationships!

Best wishes for the new year.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 26, 1957

Mr. Malcolm P. Calhoun
Secretary
The Board of Church Extension of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S., Inc.
341-B Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 8, Georgia

Dear Malcolm:

We are everlastingly grateful for the steady, continuing support which has come to the Council through the Board of Church Extension.

No contribution that we receive gives us more strength and encouragement to continue the uphill work for a better South.

With appreciation and all good wishes for the new year,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official receipt)

December 26, 1957

Dr. Harry Meserve
The Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Meserve:

Enclosed are two of the three additional items I was to send you. The annual report of staff activities should be ready shortly after the first of the year, and I will see that a copy is sent to you immediately.

I enjoyed our conversation last week, and appreciated your prompt reading of our application so that we could discuss it while I was in New York. That was far beyond the call of duty, and I am duly grateful. Please let me know if we can send anything else that will aid in consideration of the proposal.

My latest communication from Little Rock is uncheerful. It is a copy of Harry Ashmore's new book bearing the following lugubrious inscription: "For Cousin Harold with gratitude for his help, and for his laughter on the mourner's bench. HSA, Little Rock (if you'll pardon the expression)."

All good wishes for the new year.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures: Proposed Budget - 1958
Current By-Laws

VIA AIR MAIL

December 26, 1957

Mr. A. E. Cox
933 Chambliss Road
Memphis 16, Tennessee

Dear Gene:

I am sorry to report that we are still snarled up in red tape in our effort to secure aid for Hazel through interagency channels. I was with Will last week and he told me that you are arranging stop-gap assistance in the form of a loan to tide her over the immediate emergency, which is a blessing.

We got the consent of the AFSC's Rights of Conscience Committee to channel any contributions through them. Also, Art Levin, Will Campbell, and I have agreed to sign a circular appeal, showing our organizational positions for identification only. I am enclosing what we propose to send to the other agencies. If you could sign in the same fashion, Will and I think it would strengthen the letter.

Now the problem. One of the major national agencies which would be important in determining what aid was forthcoming, has been sounded out and has raised an objection. According to this agency's information, sometime ago Hazel was attempting to raise funds against a mortgage on her properties, estimated at a combined value of some one hundred thousand dollars.

I quote from the anonymous agency official:

"We were unable to secure anybody here who would lend a substantial amount to the Smiths on Mississippi property, but I then advised that Mrs. Smith's borrowing problems would be minimal if she sought the funds from a lending institution in the South -- fully aware, as we were, that in seeking that type of loan she would be revealing her need for funds, and would also encounter hesitancy on the part of an average Southern lending institution in light of the history of her need for funds.

"However, when she seeks 'contributions', the matter takes on a somewhat different aspect. It is my feeling that there would be a disinclination on the part of most national agencies to make substantial contributions either toward the $2500 fund or toward the still larger funds she will need during 1958. This is not to say that there is any lack of sympathy with her plight; on the contrary, we think she has been very courageous in the face of outrageous difficulties, and certainly some other agencies with which we have discussed the matter doubt that we could ever justify making a substantial contribution to people who have unencumbered property worth about $100,000."

We still want to send our letter around, but we are not well informed enough to know what the proper answer is to this objection. And we do think the objection is important, since the persons holding it would be influential with most of the agencies approached.

Do you know the facts of the matter? If not, do you think you gould get them without unduly upsetting the lady?

God willing, we may yet be able to do something. I will look forward to hearing from you. Meanwhile, all best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 Draft Letter

VIA AIR MAIL December 26, 1957

Mr. John R. May
Executive Director
The San Francisco Foundation
Balfour Building
351 California Street
San Francisco 4, California

Dear John:

I'm sorry that my travels, which merged with the Christmas shut-down, have delayed this reply to your letter dated December 12.

While I have had no recent information, I know that the anti-NAACP lobby has sought to have the tax-exemption of the Legal and Educational Fund revoked. And it is logical to assume that this effort has continued and probably increased in intensity.

But I have felt -- and still feel -- that any such action by the IRS would be unlikely. Such a move would create a storm of protest, particularly since it would surely be viewed as a surrender to pro-segregation pressure. Far be it from me to suggest that the IRS would be influenced by political considerations; I merely advance a doubt that any prudent government official would intentionally inflict a political crisis on the President and Executive Branch.

That, at any rate, has been my view. But anything is possible in these turbulent times, and I may be dead wrong. If tax-exemption were removed, I wouldn't know what to suggest as an alternative. No tax-exempt organization that

I know of could even remotely be considered a substitute, at least in terms of legal action. The American Friends Service Committee, through some such effort as its "Rights of Conscience" program, might pick up a small part of the load. As for "educational" activity, a number of human relations organizations, including SRC, would be worthy of consideration.

I would assume, however, that the work of the Legal and Educational Defense Fund would go on, tax-exemption or no tax-exemption. If that were the case, tax-exempt philanthropies might be able to help indirectly -- and properly -- by giving scholarship aid to promising legal talent, underwriting special legal research, and so on.

I hope these off-the-top comments are of some use to you.

Jane and I haven't forgotten your invitation to visit San Francisco and if opportunity comes nigh, will seize it by the forelock. For now, we'll have to content ourselves with wishing you and Margarita every joy in the new year.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 27, 1957

Mr. Francis Shane
United Steelworkers of America
1500 Commonwealth Building
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

Although you will shortly hear from Harold Fleming regarding the contribution of $1,000 to the Southern Regional Council from your committee, I wanted to add a personal note of heartfelt appreciation for the support and interest which this contribution indicates.

I will get some informal reports to you from time to time regarding my own work and the work of the Council in general, and I hope to consult with you further regarding our recently proposed labor conference.

Best personal wishes for a good New Year.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/mf

December 27, 1957

Dr. Prynce Hopkins
Chairman
Hopkins Charities Fund
1920 Garden Street
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Dr. Hopkins:

Thank you for your letter and the guidance sheet which you were kind enough to send me.

I had heard of the Hopkins Charities Fund and, in fact, had planned to explore with the Fund the possibility of assistance to the Southern Regional Council's work. Therefore, I am doubly grateful to you and Dr. Enke for this timely introduction to the principles and procedures of the Fund.

We shall be submitting an application in the near future. Meanwhile, all good wishes of the season.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Dr. Stephen Enke

December 27, 1957

Miss Florence B. Irving
615 South East Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Florence:

Your note and contribution were a very nice Christmas gift. Our warm appreciation.

I'm afraid I can't claim any honors as a correspondent either - far less than you. But that doesn't alter the fact that all of us here think of you often and welcome any word of you that comes our way.

You'll be interested to know that, at long last, we're going to be able to do something about the space problem. We're adding the third floor space formerly occupied by the YWCA. So we'll still be split-level, but on a somewhat roomier basis and with the reference office properly integrated.

Hope you can pay us a visit soon to witness the changes and give us a chance to get mutually caught up. Meanwhile, best of wishes for the New Year from all of us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure: 1 (Official receipt)

December 27, 1957

Mr. Boyd Wilson
United Steelworkers of America
1500 Commonwealth Building
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Boyd:

Since I had written you earlier that we were submitting a request to the Steelworkers, I wanted to let you know that a grant of $1,000 has been made to the work of the Southern Regional Council. We are most appreciative of this continuing and steadfast support.

I trust that all goes well with you and that you are looking forward to a good year. I do hope that you will be in touch with me about any Southern jaunts which you may take. I would welcome the opportunity to work with you again.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/mf

December 27, 1957

Mr. Ralph Rose
1402 Pinecastle Road
Falls Church, Virginia

Dear Ralph:

It was so good to have a note from you and to know that your plans to work with David Scull have gone through okay.

Would you please send us eight (8) of the memorandum calendars and bill us accordingly.

Some day soon you will receive the Via's Christmas card. In the meantime, best wishes to all of the Roses.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/mf

December 27, 1957

Mr. Loren Nelles
Director - District #3
United Steelworkers of America
95 Merritts Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Loren:

I wanted to pass on to you the good news that the Southern Regional Council has just received its $1,000 contribution from the Steelworkers. The money this year came directly from Frank Shane's committee.

We are most appreciative of the continuing interest and support which we receive from the Steelworkers. I am also appreciative for whatever part you may have had in securing this contribution. Although we would like to have had the amount increased as we requested, it is most heartening to have such substantial indication of the steadfastness of one's friends.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/mf

December 27, 1957

Mr. Harold Boyd
President
Virginia State AFL-CIO
102 North Belevidere Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Harold:

In a phone conversation with Ben Segal he told me that he would be unable to make the Roanoke Institute in February and wanted to know if I would be available for those dates.

This is to let you know that I will be available at that time if you would like to make use of me in Ben's spot.

I trust that all is going well with you and the state organization and that you are looking forward to a successful New Year.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/mf

December 27, 1957

Mr. George Field
Robert P. Patterson Memorial Conference
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Field:

Enclosed you will find the little card which shows that I will be one of those on the chartered bus to Arden House, January 17.

Please know that I count this a real privilege. I feel sure that I will come home encouraged.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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Encl.

December 30, 1957

Mr. Joseph Margolis
Assistant Professor of Philosophy
University of South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Margolis:

Your excellent article, The Role of The Segregationist, has just reached my attention. I would like very much to reprint it in an early issue of our monthly publication NEW SOUTH.

I have written Mr. George Pope Shannon concerning permission from the AAUP Bulletin. I would appreciate your consideration on reprinting privileges.

Since I plan to use this article, if permission is granted, in an early issue of NEW SOUTH, I would appreciate a reply as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

December 30, 1957

Mr. George Pope Shannon, Editor
American Association of University Professors Bulletin
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Shannon:

Your winter issue of the AAUP Bulletin is excellent and includes one article which I would like to reprint in our monthly publication NEW SOUTH. The article is, The Role of The Segregationist, by Joseph Margolis. Of course, I am writing Mr. Margolis also.

I would appreciate a reply at your earliest convenience, as I am considering reprinting this in an early issue.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

December 30, 1957

Mr. Francis C. Shane
Executive Secretary
United Steelworkers of America
1500 Commonwealth Building
Pittsburgh 22, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Shane:

We are most grateful for the prompt and favorable response to our request for continued support from the United Steelworkers of America.

This steady assistance from the Steelworkers gives us not only much-needed financial aid, but also a sense of friendship and common purpose that we greatly value.

I will see that you are kept posted on our work, and I know that you will feel free to call on us when we can assist the work of the Committee on Civil Rights.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures: 1 (official receipt)

December 30, 1957

Mr. Edward J. Kloppe
Executive Director
Texas Council on Human Relations
407 West 17th Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Kloppe:

Enclosed is our check for $25.00 which represents one half of a contribution from Mr. and Mrs. John de Menil. This contribution was made through Mr. Shaw who requests that Mrs. Crate be informed of it. We have send Mr. and Mrs. de Menil our official receipt for this contribution. At your convenience would you please acknowledge receipt of this check.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure: 1 check ($25.00)

December 30, 1957

Mr. Nathaniel Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 South Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Griswold:

Enclosed is our check for $100.00 which represents a contribution from Mr. H. Charles Johnston to the Arkansas Council. We are sending Mr. Johnston our official receipt for this amount.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

Enclosure: 1 check ($100.00) No. 1559

December 30, 1957

Mr. A. E. Cox
The Delta Foundation, Inc.
Cruger, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Cox:

Thank you for your check of $20.00 representing payment for 100 copies of the October 1957 New South. Sorry about the earlier mix-up, but we appreciate Will helping us out. We are sending him an invoice for the September copies. Enclosed is a duplicate invoice as you requested.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure: 1 Invoice

December 30, 1957

Mr. Edward J. Kloppe
Executive Director
Texas Council on Human Relations
407 West 27th Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Kloppe:

Enclosed is our check for $25.00 which represents one half of a contribution from Mr. and Mrs. John de Menil. This contribution was made through Mr. Shaw who requests that Mrs. Crate be informed of it. We have sent Mr. and Mrs. de Menil our official receipt for this contribution. At your convenience would you please acknowledge receipt of this check.

That's better!

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure: 1 check ($25.00, No. 1560)

December 30, 1957

Mr. Will D. Campbell
National Council of Churches
Race Relations Division
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

At the instruction of Gene Cox we are enclosing an invoice for the September New Souths. Thanks for helping us out of this mix-up.

Best wishes for the big new year ahead.

Yours in temperance,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure: 1 Invoice

December 30, 1957

Mr. Max Heirich
College Secretary
American Friends Service Committee
1818 South Main Street
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Max Heirich:

I am sorry that travel and the holiday interruption prevented my replying to your letter of December 18 with the promptness that the situation required.

I understand, however, that you consulted Emory Via and Tartt Bell, and I would have every confidence in their judgments on the matter in question.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 30, 1957

Mr. David J. McDonald
President
United Steelworkers of America
1500 Commonwealth Building
Pittsburgh 22, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. McDonald:

We are most grateful for the 1958 contribution from the United Steelworkers Union forwarded to us by Frank Shane of the Civil Rights Committee.

No assistance means more to us than the steady, continuing support of the Steelworkers. Your personal leadership and that of the Union in this field give us all encouragement and determination to continue the effort for full civil rights.

With all good wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 31, 1957

Mr. Harry Fleischman
Director
National Labor Service
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Harry:

Will Campbell called the other day to report on a recent conversation with our needy friend P. D. East. I know that he has been in touch with all his friends concerning subscription renewals. But Will came up with another approach; it seems P. D. is now willing to go on the speaking circuit as a means of augmenting his starvation income.

Thisiisn't exactly mass media business, but I promised Will I would pass the idea along and, if anything can be done on it, I'm sure you would know best how to do it. Is there any easy and logical way to make P. D.'s availability (for a fee) known to those who might use him?

Unfortunately, I won't be with you at the January MM meeting, but as soon as you let me know the February date, I'll start trying to arrange it. I'll also be looking for word on possible reprints of Popham's article and the Wall Street Journal material. Since we served as principal adviser to Brumley on the cost-of-segregation piece, we are particularly fond of that one. Seriously, I think it was a

very helpful job, and we would be glad to come in on a reprinting of it.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Encl: N.Y. Times Reprint

December 31, 1957

Mr. Edward R. Murrow
Columbia Broadcasting System
485 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Murrow:

Our hearty congratulations and thanks for the "See It Now" report on Marion Anderson's tour of Asia. Miss Anderson's rare personality came through beautifully, and the whole production was deeply moving.

We are wondering whether there is any possibility of our securing at least one print of the film for use by Southern groups. The Southern Regional Council and the Atlanta office of the Anti-Defamation League serve cooperatively as a promotion and distribution center for films with "human relations" import and are prepared to make effective use of this one.

No doubt the showing on CBS reached a considerable Southern audience, but I am sure that many groups throughout the South would like to show the film in their communities.

I shall look forward hopefully to your reply. Meanwhile, all good wishes to you and Mr. Friendly.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Encl: N. Y. Times Reprint

December 31, 1957

Mr. George McMillan
P. O. Box 299
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear George:

The directory of foundations on which I rely gives the following on what used to be the Viking Fund. I don't know anybody who has had personal experience with it.

WENNER-GREN FOUNDATION FOR ANTHROPOLOGICAL
RESEARCH, INC.
14 East 71st Street
New York 21, New York

A discretionary perpetuity incorporated in Delaware in 1941. Donor: Axel L. Wenner-Gren.

Purpose: For scientific, charitable, and educational purposes.

Methods: Grants to other organizations, grants to individuals for research and study, fellowships, cash awards and prizes; operation of a research library; conduct of meetings, conferences, symposia; publication of a monograph series in anthropology.

Policies Regarding Grants: It has been and is the Board's policy to use available funds for grants in support of research in anthropology and closely related sciences. Aid for purposes outside this field has been minimal. A list of information requested from petitioners for grants-in-aid is available upon request. All correspondence should be addressed to the Director of Research.

Current Fields of Interest: Fellowships and scholarships, higher education, humanities, intercultural relations, international matters, physical sciences, social sciences.

Financial Data (year ended January 31, 1954): Total assets, $3,110,362; total expenditures, $305,697; grants out of income, $212,440.

Officers and Directors: Paul Fejos, President and Director of Research; Richard B. Hunt, Secretary and Treasurer; John Wendell Dodds, William V. Griffin, Frederick L. Hovde, Howard F. Lowry, Filmer S. C. Northrop, Louis Ruthenburg.

All the best to you in the new year.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Encl: N.Y. Times Reprint

December 31, 1957

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
The New World Foundation
120 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

While I hadn't realized that the next meeting of your Board was so far off, I am delighted that you are planning a trip South.

It might be worthwhile for you to time your visit for a meeting of the Southern interagency group to be held at Atlanta University from 1:30 PM February 25 to 12:30 PM February 26. This will draw together the staff members of agencies working in the South -- the group we have been convening for the last year and a half. Thus you would not only get a close-up of SRC, but also meet with others who are working in this field.

There are other occasions in the works -- several consultant workshops and a meeting of our Executive Committee -- but the dates are not yet finally fixed. I will keep you posted as these events are scheduled.

Whenever you come, we will be glad to make any advance arrangements you might wish.

All good wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 31, 1957

Mr. E. Clayton Calhoun, President
Paine College
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Calhoun:

When I returned to the office after spending the Christmas in Clayton, I found your gracious letter. It touched me deeply to think the faculty felt me at all worthy.

When I think of the conditions of our state immersed in a flow of race hatred, pouring from the executive offices, one feels how little avail have been our efforts to bring about understanding and respect between the races.

I do have some conflict but I can assure you that someway, somehow I will be on hand on the evening of January 22. It will certainly be a pleasure for me to be at Paine. For years I felt it was necessary to visit the college at least once that I might receive the courage and directions to carry out the purpose which I felt I had been commissioned to fulfill.

Please thank the faculty for me.

With the best of wishes for you and yours and fellow colleagues, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

Same letter sent to:

Mr. William K. Williams, Florida Council
Dr. Guy H. Wells, Georgia Council
Rev. Hugh Brimm, Kentucky Council
Rev. Harry S. Jones, North Carolina Council
Mrs. E. H. Spearman, South Carolina Council
Dr. A. C. Miller, Tennessee Council
Dr. John H. Marion, Virginia Council

December 31, 1957

Mr. Nat Griswold, Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

We have read your Quarterly Report with much interest. It has made us more aware of the good work your state organization is performing. In the near future we will write you an evaluative critique; we will also send a synopsis of all state organizations' Quarterly Reports.

On the basis of the progress shown in your report we are sending you the enclosed check for the Second Quarter of the current fiscal year.

May the coming year see continued progress in your state toward our shared goal of a more just and democratic society.

With every good wish.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:lec

Encl. (check)

December 31, 1957

Dr. Alexander E. Sharp
Board of National Missions of the
Presbyterian Church in the USA
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Sharp:

Your letter notifying us of the Board of National Missions' 1958 appropriation for the work of the Council was heartwarming news on the eve of Christmas.

We are more grateful than I can say for the steady support of the Presbyterian Church, USA, and for the confidence in our work that it signifies.

It was my pleasure to take part in the recent Consultation of the Department of Social Education and Action, and I was deeply impressed by the commitment and skill of that program planning.

The vouchers you were kind enough to send are enclosed. We shall be glad to have payment at your convenience.

With appreciation and every good wish,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures: 2 Vouchers
N.Y. Times Reprint

December 31, 1957

Mr. Thomas W. Young
Journal and Guide
719 East Olney Road
Norfolk 1, Virginia

Dear Mr. Young:

Your letter and the enclosed contributions were a most heartening Christmas message, and we are deeply grateful. I know the Virginia Council will be equally appreciative of both the financial and the moral support which these contributions convey.

We are sending acknowledgments to each of those who joined in this gift, and we shall see that Dr. John S. Selden is properly included.

With warm good wishes for the New Year from all of us here.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enc. N.Y. Times Reprint

December 31, 1957

Mr. Milton C. Rose
Secretary
William C. Whitney Foundation
20 Broad Street
New York 5, New York

Dear Mr. Rose:

We could have had no more heartening news on the eve of the holiday season than your letter informing us of the favorable action of the William C. Whitney Foundation. We are deeply grateful for this renewed evidence of confidence in the work of the Council.

I shall see that you receive full reports of our program activities and finances during and at the end of 1958. You will be receiving a copy of our annual report of program for 1957 shortly.

It will be perfectly convenient for us to receive the grant in equal installments on or about July 1 and October 1.

With all good wishes of the New Year to you and the other Board members, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enc. N.Y. Times Reprint

December 31, 1957

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Enclosed, for your information, are several items of some interest. I thought you might like to have a small batch of the New York Times reprints for your own use.

While I haven't seen the News and Courier's story on your election to the SRC presidency, it will in no way interfere with our announcement. The delay seems interminable, but several nominees have yet to be heard from.

We were warmly grateful for your Christmastime contribution to SRC.

With all good wishes of the New Year,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures: Thermofax copies of William C. Whitney Ltr.
Thomas W. Young Ltr.
John H. Wheeler Ltr.
Steelworkers Ltr.
Presbyterian, USA, Ltr.
25 copies - N. Y. Reprint - 12/25/57

December 31, 1957

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rufus:

Enclosed are copies of several things that have brightened the Holiday Season for us. I thought you might like to have several copies of the New York Times story for your own use.

In addition to the letters of grant enclosed, we have had verbal notice of a $5,000 grant from the Aaron Norman Fund, in support of our interagency work.

All good wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures. Thermofax copies of William C. Whitney Ltr.
Thomas W. Young Ltr.
John H. Wheeler Ltr.
Steelworkers Ltr.
Presbyterian, USA, Ltr.
12 copies - N. Y. Times Reprint - 12/25/57

December 31, 1957

Mr. W. H. Ferry
Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York, NewYork

Dear Ping:

Thanks for letting me see the latest from the pen of Mr. Montgomery. To lift a phrase from the inimitable Grover Hall, who was speaking of the Southern Nieman program, "The idea is spinach, and to hell with it." Even an old spinach-fancier like me can't see this one.

All the bestin the new year.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enc: N.Y. Times Reprint

December 31, 1957

Mr. Michael Straight
c/o The New Republic
1224 - 19th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mike:

Milton Rose sent us the heartening news of renewed support from the William C. Whitney Foundation on the eve of Christmas. It brightened our holiday no end.

Oddly enough, I think the Little Rock affair has given us cause for cautious optimism. The extremists are more extreme than ever, but there are some indications that the reasonable people have been jolted out of their lethargy. In any case, we are hopeful of new opportunities in 1958.

With appreciation and best wishes always,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enc: N.Y. Times Reprint

December 31, 1957

Mr. John Thompson
Executive Director
Farfield Foundation, Inc.
37 West 57th Street
Suite 1206
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Thompson:

You may not have seen the enclosed New York Times story, as it appeared on Christmas day. Since it gives major attention to our work with foreign visitors, I thought you should have several copies.

I'm sorry I missed you when I was in New York recently, but that's what I get for picking so unlikely a time to be there.

With all good wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures: 5 copies of New York Times Reprint - December 25, 1957

December 31, 1957

Mr. John H. Wheeler
President
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

What a welcome Christmas gift your letter and the generous contributions were. We are deeply grateful to you and to the Mechanics and Farmers Bank for this tangible evidence of confidence in the Southern Regional Council.

Your kind words of commendation give all of us renewed encouragement and determination.

With all good wishes for the New Year, I am

Faithfully,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures: 2 Official Receipts
N. Y. Times Reprint

December 31, 1957

Dr. H. Councill Trenholm
President
Alabama State College
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Dr. Trenholm:

We are delighted to have your acceptance of re-election to the Board of the Southern Regional Council. Your cooperation and leadership have meant much to this movement over the years.

It was good to see you, however briefly, at the conference in New York recently. I hope the outcome of that discussion will be fruitful.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Encl. N.Y. Times Reprint

December 31, 1957

Mr. James T. McCrory
Director of Community Relations
Board of Police Commissioners
1200 Clark Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Jim:

Thanks for your letter forwarding the expense check and bringing me up to date on your work.

I am glad to hear that the District Committees are progressing, both in numbers and in leadership. Although I don't know that I said so in my earlier letter, I think your full-time leadership will mean more to the program than anything else.

My best wishes for the New Year to you and Colonel Priest.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Encl: N. Y. Times Reprint

December 31, 1957

Mr. Frank Kelly
Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Frank:

We were rather pleased with this Christmas Day New York Times story on the work of the Council. I thought you might like to have several copies of the reprint.

All best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures: 15 copies of New York Times Reprint - Dec. 25, 1957

December 31, 1957

Mr. M. A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Many thanks for the several things you have sent us recently, particularly the Wall Street Journal article. We were especially pleased with the latter, since the reporter relied on us for most of the ideas and leads that went into it. We shall certainly make program use of it, either in reprint or in New South.

We were pleased with the New York Times' Christmas story on the work of the Council. I thought you would like to have some copies of the reprint.

Best wishes from the whole staff for a pleasant and fruitful New Year.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures: 15 copies of N. Y. Times Reprint - December 25, 1957

December 31, 1957

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Rm. 400
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

From your recent report we have noticed a reference to the Rev. John Lyles whom you describe as being forced to leave his church and unable to find another. The thought occurs to us that we might possibly be of some help, if help is still needed and justified. What is your opinion of the matter?

Under any circumstances, we would like to have a record of this displacement for our "Displaced Persons" file. When the rush of the season is over, would it be possible for you to prepare for us a brief case history of this incident? Newspaper clippings, of course, would help.

All of us here send our very best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Encl: N.Y. Times Reprint

December 31, 1957

Mr. P. D. East
Editor
THE PETAL PAPER
P. O. Box 349
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Mr. East:

We have received a check for $3.00 with a request for a subscription to the Petal Paper, from:

Mr. Jerry Raymond
Mechanics Educational Society of
America
1974 National Bank Building
Detroit, Michigan

Our check for $3.00 is enclosed.

Trust the New Year will present us with more frequest opportunities for similar communication.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure: 1 check (No. 1562 - $3.00)
N. Y. Times Reprint

December 31, 1957

Mr. Jerry Raymond
Mechanics Educational Society of America
1974 National Bank Building
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Raymond:

We have forwarded your request for a subscription to the Petal Paper to Mr. P. D. East of Hattiesburg, Mississippi. You should begin receiving the paper shortly.

Yours very truly,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

December 31, 1957

Mr. Francis M. Wilhoit
University of Miami
Coral Gables, Florida

Dear Mr. Wilhoit:

Unfortunately, the entire printing of Integration North and South has been exhausted, and we have only a couple of office copies. Though I haven't a copy I can give you, I am sending one separately with the request that you return it as soon as it has served your purpose.

I greatly enjoyed our conversation the other day and hope that we will have other opportunities to exchange views.

All the best to you in the new year.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures: 2 - Integration North and South
N. Y. Times Reprint - 12/25/57

December 31, 1957

Miss Thelma Stevens
Executive Secretary
Woman's Division of Christian Service
of the Board of Missions of The
Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Thelma:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the meeting to be held at Clark College, January 22 - 25. I have it on my calendar and am looking forward to being with you and the leadership group.

The Woman's Division has meant so much to us over the years that it is always a pleasure when we can be of some help to you.

All good wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Encl: N.Y. Times Reprint

No enc.

December 31, 1957

Mrs. Dorothy Sterling
Kirby Lane North
Rye, New York

Dear Mrs. Sterling:

I am sorry that travel and the holiday interruption have delayed my reply to your letter concerning the forthcoming publication of "Tender Warriors."

It doesn't appear that I will be in New York again in time to talk with your publishers. However, I hope that I may see the book in advance of the publication date. It seems to me that the best way we can help make it known would be through a brief review in New South.

As you may have learned from one of the organizations you have consulted, there is an interagency group -- the Consultative Conference on Desegregation -- that makes new materials known to its constituent groups. Arnold Aronson of NCRAC is the secretary. Perhaps it would be useful to consult him on promotional possibilities.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 2, 1958

Mr. Charles Livermore
Executive Secretary
State of New York Executive Department
State Commission Against Discrimination
270 Broadway
New York 7, N.Y.

Dear Chas:

Thank you for your letter of the 27th with the enclosed check. Considering the bureaucracy of any State government two months is not too great for the largest State in the Union. Thanks for the kind comments.

Best regards for the New Year.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

P.S. Thought you would be interested in the Christmas present we received from the New York Times.

January 2, 1958

Mr. Irving Kane, Chairman
Special Committee on Reassessment
National Community Relations Advisory Council
9 East 38th Street
New York 16, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Kane:

Thank you for your letter of December 20th which apparently got lost in the holiday mails and has only arrived today. I appreciate the invitation to attend the NCRAC evaluative workshop on February 13-15. Unfortunately I am tied up with a prior engagement in Atlanta on the 13th and on the 15th am committed to present the annual address to the Allegheny County Council on Civil Rights in Pittsburgh.

I am interested in the conference which you propose and would like very much to receive the report when it comes out. May I ask who is doing the major paper? Thanks again for the invitation and I would appreciate a rain-check for a subsequent year's conference.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

January 2, 1958

Mr. Victor Paschkis
Hidden Springs
R.D. Neshanic Station, N.J.

Dear Victor Paschkis:

I am not at all sure that there is anything helpful which I can say regarding the situation at Koinonia and in Americus. The Farm is under continued heavy pressure; practical life is perhaps most affected by the economic boycott. However, the possibility of an incident touching off a serious social or moral crisis is ever present. So at best the members of the community during the past few relatively quiet months have been living in a tense situation.

So far as I know there is no new move in the Americus community itself which is aimed at real reconciliation. No-one has come up with a really good suggestion as to a program or person that might be helpful to Americus.

You will understand that there is a limit to the kind of help that agencies can give in this sort of situation. However, several of them have been interested in various aspects of Koinonia's plight and have found ways to extend what I feel has been significant help to them.

Some of the problems which need attention come from within the Koinonia itself and it is with a real sense of sympathy for the near insoluble problems that I point to some of these difficulties: 1) internal communication on the Farm: 2) the kind of public face which the Farm wishes to present: 3) the relationship between the Farm and the law: and 4) a firm and comfortable decision as to what kinds of activities Koinonia should engage in for its own development and preservation and in regard to its relations to the outside community.

Perhaps I did not need to remind you of the real strengths that exist at Koinonia as evidenced by their being able to survive the last year

Continued . . .

and a half of persecution. Certainly they deserve the concern and support of people interested in their particular cause or those interested in the problems which their current situation reflect. Therefore I am sending a copy of this letter to the Rev. John Thomas as you requested. If either of you feel I could supply specific information regarding Koinonia I would be happy to hear from you. However, direct communication with "The Friends of Koinonia" (if still functioning) or with the Farm itself might be a better source of information on some matters. If either of you find your way into these Southern parts I would be most happy to have you be in touch with me.

Sincerely yours

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

cc: Rev. John Thomas

EFV:fcl

January 2, 1958

Church of the Crossroads
Social Action Committee
1212 University Avenue
Honolulu, T. H.

Dear Friends:

We are most grateful for your good and thoughtful letter of December 8th. It was especially good to know of your thoughts at the Christmas season.

It must seem to you of Honolulu, whose way of life so well expresses the dignity of all men, that conditions in the South are indeed distressing. Certainly this is true. Yet there are many thousands of persons here whose faith, like yours, is leading to an ever increasing expression of the ideals of a democratic society. Many of the deplorable headlines read by the world are an expression of the conflict which so often accompanies progress and the changing of the old to the new. Even we are inclined to forget this, and letters such as yours give us strength and encouragement.

You might like to keep abreast with some of the positive events of the region. Therefore, we are placing your name on the mailing list for our monthly publication, New South.

It was good of you to think of us and most thoughtful of you to write.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 2, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: A. L. Rivers

From: M. F.

Please see that the following is placed on our complimentary mailing list for NEW SOUTH:

Church of the Crossroads
Social Action Committee
1212 University Avenue
Honolulu, T. H.

NOTE: Extra postage will be needed for mailing New South.

January 3, 1958

Mrs. Emmett S. Johnson
Box 510
Wesleyan College
Macon, Georgia

Dear Mrs. "J":

No sooner had I written asking you to be in touch with Merrimon Cuninggim than we heard from him that he was happy to accept our invitation to membership of the Council's Board.

So cancel the original request. However, if you feel so inclined a letter indicating that you have heard through me that he has accepted Board membership would be nice.

Sorry to have missed you on your quick run in at home the other day, but glad that Mr, Emmett got to see our place. Beginning school again will probably seem like a lark after the schedule you have been on.

Love,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

January 2, 1958

Mrs. Emmett S. Johnson
Box 510
Wesleyan College
Macon, Georgia

Dear Mrs. "J":

An item of business to indicate how you could be helpful to the Council. Would you find time to write a note to ~~Dr.~~ Merrimon Cuninggim indicating that I told you he was being invited to SRC Board membership and that you know him and us and feel we would go well together. The rest I leave to your imagination and inspiration, but we think him a really good egg and want him to be on the Board if he can. We thought that such a personal note along with our official invitation (which has already gone) would be in order.

Thanks so much for all that you did at Christmas time. It was wonderful.

With love
~~Sincerely~~,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

January 3, 1958

Mr. Robert D. Fowler, Editor
The Cobb County Times
Marietta, Georgia

Dear Bob:

Here are the promised copies of the magazine. I do hope you will see fit to grant reprint permission. I am looking forward to the promised series on the editors' forum.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Encls. (October and December issues of NEW SOUTH)

January 3, 1958

Dr. and Mrs. George Mitchell
The Lodge
Glencoe
Argyll, Scotland

Dear George and Alice:

Not much news from the Vias other than that we have been busy and are gradually getting settled in our house in Decatur. A proper ramp has been built and there is even a smidgen of furniture, although in the furnishing line the place of honour is still held by one grand mahogany table over which hangs the madam's major work of art. The Vias and Johnsons conclaved in Macon at Christmas time. You perhaps did not know that Mr. Johnson has been at Battey Hospital. However, he has tested negative ever since his first days there and he looked better at Christmas than at any time since I have known him.

The enclosed clip is a review of "The Face of the South" which I thought you would like to have. Somewhere in my belongings is a photograph of my lady at the new electric stove cooking away for family enjoyment - clearly in view is the heirloom coffee pot inherited from that branch of the family now residing in what is apparently remotest Scotland. A copy of this photograph will be enclosed if it can be found in time.

Best wishes to you both for a happy and successful (in your terms) New Year.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosure.

EFV:fcl

January 3, 1958

Rev. Robert E. Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218, Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

We have received the first quarterly report from the Alabama Council on Human Relations and have read it with interest. I should point out to you that Alabama was the slowest state in getting this report in of those which applied for further financial assistance. In the future please read the memos we send you with some care, and as you know it is important to meet deadlines. We do not want to give the impression that we are not a business-like organization.

In the near future we will send you a critique on your report and also a synopsis of the reports of other states.

We recognize that your illness, caused in the line of duty, prevented you from carrying out all the activities you had planned. Because of our faith in you and the Alabama Council we are enclosing the second quarterly instalment of $1,000 of the allocation to the Alabama Council on Human Relations.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.

FBR:fcl

January 3, 1958

Mr. John V. P. Lassoe, Jr.
Executive Secretary
National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials
152 West 42nd Street
New York 36, N.Y.

Dear John:

Many thanks for your letter of the 31st.

I think it a grand idea to start the New Year with a letter from you. Better correspondence on my part will be forthcoming throughout my internship program.

I did not receive the "checklist" which you indicated would be enclosed in your last letter. Please send me another one so that my report will conform with the reports of the other interns.

I am looking forward to your next visit in Atlanta. I hope that you will have more time to stay with me and become better acquainted. This I will enjoy very much.

With warm regards,

Machion S. Garrison, Jr.
Intern

MSG:fcl

January 3, 1958

Mr. Louis A. Radelet, Director
Commission on Community Organizations
National Conference of Christians and Jews
43 West 57th Street
New York 19, N.Y.

Dear Lou:

Many thanks for your note of the 31st. With you I agree that 1958 will probably be no easier a year than 1957, but I am convinced it is a year that will see more significant change in the patterns of behaviour in the South. I thought you would be interested in the Christmas present we received from the New York Times so I enclose a reasonable facsimile thereof.

Just heard the good news of the appointment of Dr. Harold C. Hunt as program chairman for the conference. I should imagine this will mean that you will be working closely with him. All that I have heard of him is good.

Regards to Bob Johnson and my other friends up there.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.

FBR:fcl

January 3, 1958

MEMORANDUM

Joel M. Savell.

EFV spent the evening of January 1, 1958 with Joel Savell and his lady friend, Elsie Crane (?) from Jacksonville, Florida. It was an evening devoted mostly to catching up on old acquaintances and finding who had been where when. However, Joel continues to be a presentable, straight-forward, interested person. He indicated a very serious interest in the race relations field and I am certain that he would welcome a position, for which he felt he was qualified, in the South working on racial problems.

There was some allusion to his leaving his Chapel Hill job due to statements that he made on some racial theme. Unfortunately this incident did not get pinned down. Perhaps his file already shows that he has a B.D. from Union Seminary and an M.A. in human relations. This is not offered as any final judgment, but certainly Joel deserves very serious consideration for any opening in our former state affiliates or other agencies about which we have knowledge.

January 3, 1958

Dr. John H. Marion
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
1409 Chowan Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Jack:

I plan to be at institutes of the Virginia State AFL-CIO in Roanoke on February 1 and 2 and at Old Point Comfort on February 22 and 23. On the latter occasion I hope to get by Richmond. If there is any particular job that I can do for you or person whom you feel I should see in either of these places or environs please let me know. In any case I will hope to be in touch with you when I get to Richmond.

It was good to see your November and December Newsletters. Things sound busy, and I enjoyed reading the accounts of your activities in the Old Dominion.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

January 3, 1958

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Victor Paschkis had requested that I be in touch with you regarding Koinonia, so I am enclosing a copy of my letter to him. There is currently one bit of legal action taking place that arises out of the beating of Connie Brown and his subsequent arrest on the technical charge of failing to display a proper auto license. Hopefully this matter will be settled within the next few weeks as the mere technical charge it is.

If you have occasion to be in the South I trust you will find an opportunity to visit us at the Council.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via

EFV:fcl

Enclosure.

January 4, 1958

Dr. Cullen B. Gosnell
Department of Political Science
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Dr. Gosnell:

How nice to run into you on the street yesterday. Enclosed is a copy of a Senate Banking and Currency Committee Report on the Economy of the South. If you have not seen this report already it will perhaps serve in part as a substitute for our own industrialization study. Many of us have wanted the industrialization study released, and I can only say that Harold has worked diligently at his end of this problem.

I trust that the enclosed report will be of some use to you.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosure.

EFV:fcl

January 4, 1958

Mr. Benjamin D. Segal
Director
Trade Union Program on Civil Liberties and Rights
1244 Nineteenth Street, N.W. Room 301
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Ben:

I am working with several persons trying to turn up ideas for an adequate survey in Bay Springs to meet the union's need. I am also seeking suggestions for potential expert witnesses. I would be glad to have any thoughts along these lines that you may have.

Some reasonable guess as to how much time we have would be of great help.

In looking over the IUE memorandum to the NLRB I noticed a couple of "fly-specks" which I might call to your attention. It seems to me prejudicial to the IUE's case, and inaccurate reporting, to capitalize "Nigger" in the term "nigger-lover". Capitalization has a meaning in respect terms apart from correct usage which would indicate that it does not apply in the situation at hand. Although I can imagine Myrdal and others making use of the term "Negro-lovers" it would be a rare phenomenon indeed to hear this term in the kind of speech (page 7) reported in the memorandum. On page 14 of the memorandum in the second paragraph the reference to "false charge" seems to me not to be in keeping with the careful line that the IUE has drawn between the use of inflammatory language and its own good position in civil rights matters. It thereby weakens the argument.

Continued . . .

Mr. Benjamin D. Segal January 4, 1958

I have not read the memorandum with as much care as I would have liked, but there were many good comments about it which I will not bother to detail in this letter.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

January 4, 1958

Dr. John A. Griffin
Director of Community Services
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear John:

Enclosed is a pamphlet put out by the IUE which summarises the union's public presentation of the case I talked with you about by telephone yesterday. In addition, they have submitted a "memorandum in support of charges and objections to elections" to the NLRB in the attempt to show why the "employers' incitement of race hate against the union constitutes interference with the election and an unfair labor practice."

One union staffer expressed their current interest this way: "It is our belief that several studies should be set in motion as quickly as possible for the purpose of disclosing the history of race relations in Jasper (County), the racial tensions there, local attitudes on integration, and the actual and probable reactions of the various sections of the community to race hate propaganda. . . . . In addition, we should undertake to canvas the field for reliable Southern race relations experts who could be used as witnesses on the sociological issues involved."

Specifically, the union would like to show that the vociferous use of the term "nigger-lover", and such an item as the interracial picture, are inflammatory, likely to prejudice free choice in an election, and thereby an unfair labor practice.

Suggestions as to what kinds of studies in the local community might be helpful to this end and as to likely persons for conducting such studies would be most helpful.

Continued . . .

Dr. John A. Griffin January 4, 1958

If the union comes through with this course of investigation it would need to be done in a short period of time, and they would be expecting to pay for the services rendered. I hope that this gives you enough to go on and that you will be in touch with me if good ideas come to mind.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosure.

EFV:fcl

January 6, 1958

Mr. Kenneth Edward MacWilliams
Winthrop J-12
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. MacWilliams:

Your letter of January 4, 1958, has been called to my attention. Dr. Mitchell has retired and is now living in Scotland. I am mailing you a copy of our most recent publication "The Negro Voter in the South" which will answer many of your questions. The only one it does not answer is question number five.

It is still too early to know just what effect the 1957 Civil Rights Act will have on Negro voting in the South. Two things will greatly affect the outcome of the bill. One is the success of Negro leaders inspiring persons to attempt to register and the other is the intensity with which the Federal government operates under this new law.

Certainly, if the Federal government is strong in putting this law into effect, Negroes will be encouraged to attempt to register more so than they have been in the past. This is so because, under this bill, finances may be provided to insure their civil rights and economic retaliation is much less likely.

The jury trial amendment as it was finally constituted will have a great effect too, because Negroes are certain to get fairer trials from judges than from all white Southern juries.

I hope this will help some and if we can be of additional aid, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

John Constable

Director of Information

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Encl.

Same letter sent to the following states:

Arkansas
Florida
Georgia
Kentucky
North Carolina
South Carolina
Texas
Virginia

January 6, 1958

MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors, State Organizations

FROM: John Constable, Director of Information

RE: NEW SOUTH

There has been considerable confusion as to state policies concerning NEW SOUTH subscriptions. We would like to have a clearer understanding as to state practices now in effect. Please fill out the information listed below and return to us immediately.

SRC policy is: (1) For subscriptions included with membership, the individual state should send renewal slips. SRC will send renewal slips only after the subscription is three months in arrears. (2) When New South is optional, SRC reserves the right to solicit new and renewal New South subscriptions.

NEW SOUTH STATUS

STATE ALABAMA

NEW SOUTH POLICY (Check one)

(1) Subscription included with membership_____
(2) Subscription optional_____
(3) Other arrangement_____(If so, please explain.)

January 6, 1958

Mr. Hal G. Lewis
Professor of Education
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mr. Lewis:

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith at 45 Exchange Place, Atlanta, Georgia is distributing our two copies of "The Face of the South." You may rent one of the copies from them according to their schedule. There is a slight rental fee which I believe is $1.50.

Many thanks for your kind comments in your letter.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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Blind copy sent to: David Freeman at the Norman Fund

VIA AIR MAIL

January 6, 1958

Mr. Frank A. Weil
Treasurer
The Aaron E. Norman Fund, Inc.
405 Lexington Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Weil:

We are deeply grateful to the Aaron E. Norman Fund for its generous contribution to the Council's work in the field of interagency cooperation.

I shall see that you receive copies of the minutes of all further interagency meetings, as well as occasional progress reports on the Council's activities in this field.

A copy of our official receipt for the grant of $5,000 is enclosed.

With appreciation to you and the other trustees of the Fund, and with kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (official receipt)

January 6, 1958

Mr. Perry Cartwright, Circulation
Southern Newsletter
Post Office Box 1307
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Cartwright:

As per your request of December 19, 1957, we are listing you in our exchange file for NEW SOUTH.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

January 6, 1958

Mr. David F. Freeman
The Aaron E. Norman Fund, Inc.
405 Lexington Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Dave :

I have written Mr. Weil as enclosed. Needless to say, I am grateful to you, as always, for making possible this favorable consideration of our grant. Also needless to say, the receipt of the check on New Year's Eve was just the right note for the beginning of 1958.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Ltr. to Mr. Frank A. Weil - 1/6/58)

January 6, 1958

Dr. Merrimon Cuninggim
Dean - Perkins School of Theology
Southern Methodist University
Dallas, Texas

Dear Dr. Cuninggim:

I was delighted to have your letter of December 31 accepting membership on the Council's board. I know that the officers and other members will be deeply gratified.

I hope that I will have a chance to talk with you personally before too long. You will be receiving periodic reports from the staff and the Executive Committee, and we will welcome any suggestions or comments that occur to you.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 6, 1958

Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild
1589 Peachtree Road, N. W.
Atlanta 9, Georgia

Dear Rabbi Rothschild:

I was delighted to learn from Fred Routh that you have accepted membership on the governing body of the Southern Regional Council. The officers and other members will be deeply gratified, I know.

You will be receiving periodic reports on the Council's activities, and I am sure there will be more than one occasion for us to benefit from your wise counsel. Meanwhile, any suggestions or comments that you may give us will be warmly welcome.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL

January 6, 1958

Dr. Harry Meserve
Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Inc.
30 Rockefeller Plaza
Room 5600
New York 20, New York

Dear Dr. Meserve:

We have had two further acceptances which you may wish to add to the list of Council members previously submitted. They are Dr. Merrimon Cuninggim, dean of the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, and Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild of Atlanta.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 6, 1958

Mr. Fred Darragh
Route 5, Box 339
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Fred:

Now that the fever of the holiday season has subsided, I do hope that you can find a moment to write me that you can accept election to a new term on the Council's board.

If you will glance over the enclosed list, I think you will agree that the latest acceptances have greatly strengthened the Council's leadership. I very much hope that you will find it possible to add your name and give the Council the benefit of your counsel and experience in this important field.

Harry gave a very effective presentation here in Atlanta recently. He was pretty pessimistic about any early break in the Little Rock impasse, but we agreed that that was all the more reason for keeping positive efforts alive.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL

January 6, 1958

Mr. John Thompson
Executive Director
Farfield Foundation, Inc.
37 West 57th Street
Suite 1206
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Thank you for your kind letter of December 17. While we are sorry your Board did not feel it could assist our work with foreign visitors at this time, I am most grateful to you for seeing that our proposal was considered and for your words of encouragement.

I am adding your name to our mailing list for our monthly publication New South and I will give you a report from time to time on the progress of our foreign visitor program.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 6, 1958

Mr. George Pope Shannon, Editor
AAUP Bulletin
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Shannon:

Thank you very much for your quick response to my request for permission to reprint the AAUP article. We do appreciate it.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

January 6, 1958

Mr. Joseph Margolis
Department of Psychology and Philosophy
University of South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolins

Dear Mr. Margolis:

Many thanks for your quick response to my request for permission to reprint your article which appeared in the AAUP Bulletin. Of course I shall send you copies of the magazine as soon as it appears.

Again thanks.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

January 7, 1958

Dr. Leon M. Adkins
General Secretary
The General Board of Education
The Methodist Church
Division of the Local Church
1001 Nineteenth Avenue, South
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Adkins:

The generous support of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church has meant a great deal to the Southern Regional Council over the years. As the new year begins, we hope you will feel that the work of the Council merits your continued support.

The past year has been marked by critical developments on the Southern scene. Many of these, especially the Little Rock experience and the scattered outbreaks of violence throughout the region, have been discouraging. However, less publicized developments have given grounds for hope. There is a growing awareness and expression among responsible community leaders, the dedicated clergy and others, that law, order, and decency must prevail. Within these areas the Southern Regional Council continues its work.

These positive forces have been a source of much encouragement to us. There is every evidence that the church people of the South will play a decisive part in solving our racial problems. It pleases us, as I am sure it does you, that Methodists in the South are so frequently in the forefront of ~~C~~constructive efforts. (corrected on original)

We are enclosing three of our recent publications: "The South of Promise" which briefly describes the current work of the Council; New South of November 1957, which includes a statement by 80 Atlanta ministers; and a special report, "Religious Bodies and The Supreme Court Decision." Also enclosed is a current list of Board Members.

Among the enclosures is a copy of our proposed budget for the current year, with an estimate of income expectable and income to be raised from new sources. As in years past, we face a sizeable fund-raising task during 1958. It is a far less formidable task, however, because of the support of our long standing friends. We are especially grateful to be able to include in this category the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church.

With kindest regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures: South of Promise
NEW SOUTH, November/1957
In The Hearts of Men
"Religious Bodies and the Supreme Court Decision"
List of Board Members
Proposed Budget for 1958

January 7, 1958

Dr. Ralph R. Shrader
Project Secretary
Missions Council of the Congregational
Christian Churches
14 Beacon Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Shrader:

It was a pleasure to receive your letter and to know that you will again direct the Southern tour. I will certainly plan to be at the First Church on the evening of April 11th.

I discussed your visit this morning with Mr. Thomas who was by the office. Such advance planning is admirable, especially to those of us who so frequently work under self-imposed 11th hour planning.

If there is anything we of the Council can do to be of help, please let us know.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

January 7, 1958

Mr. Donald Oberdorfer
THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Don:

I was glad to get your note several weeks ago with the news of your elevation to the Washington spot. Much as we need a guy like you turning the rocks over in the South, this ought to give your talents much greater breadth of action.

The Observer's editorial office should by now be receiving New South regularly. We will leave that hard won arrangement undisturbed, and add your name at the Washington address as soon as you let us know that you are there. We'll also send you those past publications that may have some continuing value.

I hope we have better luck when you are next in Atlanta. Let me know a little early next time and I will make sure of it.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Memorandum January 7, 1958

TO: Members of the Executive Committee

FROM: Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

SUBJ: MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following dates have been suggested for the forthcoming Executive Committee meeting:

Wednesday, January 29

Wednesday, February 12

It is proposed that the meeting begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Council's office at 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., and end on the same day. This departure from the usual arrangement is suggested in order that members of the Executive Committee can inspect the additional office space which we have acquired.

Would you please indicate your preference of dates on the enclosed card. We will, of course, advise you of the majority choice as soon as possible.

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Encl. 1 postal card

Same ltr. to Mr. Walter Sharp
Mr. Z. A. Looby
Dr. A. G. Moron
Dr. J. L. Reddix

January 7, 1958

Dr. Stephen Wright
President
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Wright:

Now that the holiday rush is over, I hope we can look forward to a word from you indicating your acceptance of Council membership.

If you will glance over the attached list, I think you will agree that the election at the last annual meeting gave the Council a strong and effective leadership. I do hope that you will feel it possible to join with us.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure: List of Board Members

January 7, 1958

Mr. Guy B. Johnson
University of North Carolina
Box 652
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Guy:

The end of the year is a rushed time for everybody, and I hope I am right in assuming that that is why we have had no word from you yet about re-election to the Council.

I am enclosing a list of the board as it stands in the light of new acceptances. I think you will agree that it is a fairly imposing list. Paul Green accepted after all, as did Irving Carlyle -- both at the personal urging of Marion Wright.

The Council wouldn't be itself without you in the leadership, and I am looking forward to hearing from you for the record. A one-word note will do.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure: List of Board Members

January 7, 1958

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I am sure the holiday rush accounts for my not having had a formal word of acceptance from you on Council membership and re-election as vice-president. But I don't want to have the slightest doubt that we can count on your continued leadership and support, so I do hope you will find a moment to write me a brief note saying yes.

As you will see from the attached list, the acceptances since the annual meeting have added some fairly imposing new names to the board. Incidentally, Father Sigur played an active part in the meeting, and we were all delighted both with his personality and with his keen mind.

I hope all goes well with you and that we will be together soon.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure: List of Board Members

6 copies of NEW SOUTH (November/1957) sent under separate cover

January 7, 1958

Mrs. Rachel Lipsky
Administrative Secretary
Department of Public Affairs
American Jewish Congress
Stephen Wise Congress House
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Mrs. Lipsky:

I am sending you separately several copies of the Atlanta ministers statement as printed in our monthly publication New South. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the minutes of the November meeting of the Southern contingent of CCD. I am not clear whether you want more than one copy. If so, let me know how many and I will be glad to send them.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure: 1 copy of Interagency Minutes (November)

January 8, 1958

Mr. Hodding Carter
Delta-Democrat-Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Hodding:

Many thanks for taking time at such a busy period to write Faulkner about the Council. I have written him as enclosed, sending a few descriptive materials. Let's hope he breaks the rules and opens both letters.

With appreciation and best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - Copy of Ltr. to William Faulkner

January 8, 1958

Mr. M. A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

In order not to delay your final draft of the Florida speech, I am returning at once the enclosed manuscript. It has been read by various members of the staff with care - and with unanimous approbation. We agree that it is quite the right tone and tempo for Florida and can think of no topical allusions that would strengthen it. (I wish, however, we could think of something that would make possible other pun of the same quality as your "Southern Belle" inspiration.) Aside from the suggestion made by Fred in the enclosed note, no one has any amendments to suggest.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 Manuscript

January 8, 1958

Mr. William Faulkner
Oxford,
Mississippi

Dear Mr. Faulkner:

As you will have heard from Hodding Carter, we greatly hope that you will consent to serve on the governing body of the Southern Regional Council. Enclosed is a current list of members, representing an impressive cross-section of white and Negro leadership in the South.

I know through Bell Wiley (also a Council member) and others that you are the opposite of a "joiner." But we felt you might agree that the Council, considering its nature and the nature of the times, has a special significance. Here is a body of Southerners, white and Negro, united around the central principle that we can, and must, learn to accept each other as full human beings. The Council, as you may know, is not a new movement -- as the successor to the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation, it goes back to 1919. Yet we think it has grown with the years and with the profound changes that have occurred in the South. It is our hope, at any rate, that the Council combines a sense of the past with an understanding of today's urgent demands.

The Southerners named on the enclosed list are, in fact, the Council. Under the policies they lay down, an experienced staff carries on the day-to-day work from the Atlanta headquarters. In most of the Southern states there are human relations councils which the Southern Regional Council established and with which we work closely. The organization is non-political, non-sectarian,

and non-profit, and it has tax-exempt status. Its methods are "education" in the broad sense, including conference, consultation, research, and interpretation through the press, its own publications, and person-to-person dealings. In order not to prolong this letter unduly, I am enclosing several pieces of material which describe our aims and activities.

We are deeply conscious that developments in the South have a crucial bearing on the course of world events. A steady stream of foreign visitors come to the Council seeking a better understanding of the racial problems that have captured international attention. Thus, in our efforts to contribute to solutions, we feel the same sense of urgency that gave such force to your speech before the Southern Historical Association two years ago.

Membership on the Council imposes no heavy demands. The full Council meets only once a year, its responsibilities resting in the interim with an Executive Committee elected from its members, and with the staff. But the make-up of the full Council is vital to what it symbolizes and what its activities represent. This is why the members have asked me to extend this invitation to you, and why we earnestly hope that you will find it possible to accept.

With admiration and all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures: List of Board Members
New York Times Reprint - 12/25/57
Congressional Record Reprint - 7/26/57
South of Promise

CONFIDENTIAL

41 EXCHANGE PLACE, S. E.
ROOM 606
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

January 8, 1958

Dear Friend:

An effort is being made to assist Mrs. Hazel Brannon Smith of Lexington, Mississippi, whose need for financial aid is outlined in the enclosed material. The issue involved is one of freedom of the press - vital in any area and especially significant in the state of Mississippi.

Mrs. Smith, editor and publisher of The Lexington Advertiser, has been subjected to legal harrassment and economic boycott since July 1954. An organized effort, largely directed by the White Citizens' Council, has been underway since January 1956. The situation is critical and unless Mrs. Smith receives outside help in the very near future she may have to close the newspaper and leave Lexington.

It is of the utmost importance that the White Citizens' Council not succeed in driving Mrs. Smith and The Lexington Advertiser out of Mississippi. The only way in which she can hope to continue under present conditions is to retract her former stand and conform to the requirements of the local WCC. This, fortunately, she will not do. With the necessary aid, however, Mrs. Smith can not only continue to publish the Advertiser, but also continue the constructive policies which the WCC has found so objectionable.

Significantly, Mrs. Smith has not lost all local support. There are indications that local advertisers resent the pressure being brought on them and on the editor. If Mrs. Smith can survive while opposing the seemingly all-powerful White Citizen's Councils, it will be a considerable morale victory; healthy for the community and encouraging to other would-be democratic voices in the state.

In defending herself against a $57,500 libel suit, which had to be carried to the State Supreme Court, Mrs. Smith incurred a debt of $5,000 in attorneys' fees. The second major financial blow came in January 1956, when Mr. Smith was fired as administrator of the Holmes County Hospital. Since that time an advertising and job printing boycott has heavily damaged an otherwise profitable weekly newspaper. For more than two years the Smiths, with a loss of savings and considerable indebtedness, have managed to survive. But the campaign against them has recently taken on new intensity.

The Rights of Conscience Program of the American Friends Service Committee has given Mrs. Smith all the assistance it could, and the Relief and Rehabilitation Committee of CCD has exhausted its possibilities. The Rights of Conscience Committee has agreed to serve as recipient of funds for this purpose. Funds should be sent to C. H. Yarrow of the AFSC Office, 20 South 12th Street, Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania. Checks should

be made payable to American Friends Service Committee, Inc., for Rights of Conscience Program.

To meet the most pressing obligations now existing, and to be assured of continuing publication through 1958 without retraction and conformity, the Smiths need $12,000. Their courage and persistence and their past editorial policies would indicate that aid for this purpose would be well invested.

If you can join in this effort we hope you will do so as soon as possible. The need is urgent.

Sincerely,

Arthur J. Levin

Arthur J. Levin
(Director, Southeastern Office, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith)*

Will D. Campbell

Will D. Campbell
(Associate Executive Director, Division of Christian Life and Work, Department of Racial and Cultural Relations, National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.)*

A. E. Cox

A. E. Cox
(Field Representative, Rural Development Program, Department of the Town and Country Church, Division of Home Missions, National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.)*

Harold C. Fleming

Harold C. Fleming
(Executive Director, Southern Regional Council)*

*Signed as individuals; organizational titles shown for identification only.

Hazel Brannon Smith, Editor and Publisher
The Lexington Advertiser and the Durant News
Lexington, Mississippi

BACKGROUND:

Mrs. Smith is a native of Alabama City, Alabama. On graduating from the University of Alabama in 1936, Hazel Brannon arranged a loan and bought the small weekly, The Durant News of Durant, Mississippi. In 1943, with the aid of a second loan, she bought The Lexington Advertiser, and combined the operation of the two papers in the Lexington plant.

As editor of the two Holmes County papers, Miss Brannon upheld law and order, fought organized crime in the county and exposed corruption in public office. While drawing the expected opposition she nevertheless earned for herself a large following and a stable place in the community. The papers prospered and she did exceedingly well for a small town publisher.

In 1950, Miss Brannon was married to Walter Dyer Smith of Philadelphia. Because the editor did not want to give up her newspaper properties it was agreed that Mr. Smith would take a year's leave of absence from his company and come to Lexington where both would work on the newspapers. Some three months after coming to Lexington, Mr. Smith was asked to serve as administrator of the Holmes County Hospital. Mr. Smith accepted the position and served as an able and popular administrator until January 1956.

JULY, 1954:

In July of 1954 Holmes County Sheriff Richard F. Byrd shot in the back a 27-year-old Negro man who was not under arrest or resisting arrest. The following week, Mrs. Smith wrote an editorial criticizing the Sheriff's action in the shooting and pointing to the abuse of six or seven other

Negro citizens during the same evening. The editorial ended by saying the sheriff was not qualified to hold his office and should resign. This editorial was cited by the National Federation of Press Women as the best editorial written by a woman during 1954.

Considerable community feeling was aroused by the editorial. The sheriff was told by his friends that he must prevent future editorials of this nature or resign. At this point a libel suit was agreed upon. The sheriff filed suit for $57,000 "actual and punitive damages" from the news story and editorial as published in the two county papers.

These incidents took place some two months after the Supreme Court desegregation ruling, a decision which was beginning to cause concern in the community. During July, 1954, a White Citizens' Council unit was organized in the County -- the first to be organized after the original group in Sunflower County. Mrs. Smith and her attorneys were to learn that a number of rumors were being circulated about her, the foremost of which was that she had a local Negro woman college president as a dinner guest in her home. Her major offense, however, was to defend the rights of Negroes when the whites of Holmes County had to "stand together."

The libel suit came up at the regular October term of Circuit Court. The editor produced in court the Negro who was shot, Dr. David Minter, who treated him, and a town marshall, who testified to the good name and character of the victim. The jury, after deliberation, returned a 10 - 2 verdict in favor of the sheriff for payment of $10,000 damages by Mrs. Smith. The case was immediately appealed to the Mississippi Supreme Court. In November, 1955, the Mississippi State Supreme Court gave a unanimous decision in favor of Mrs. Smith. The case was dismissed and the court commented, "The Sheriff, by his own admission, was guilty of

an illegal assault upon the person of the Negro." Mrs. Smith had won her case, but in doing so she had incurred some $5,000 in attorneys fees and related costs.

Sheriff Byrd, supported by the White Citizens Council, had expected a favorable verdict from the appeal. When this proved not to be the case, an organized campaign of revenge was undertaken against the local "supporter of Negroes' rights."

January, 1956:

By January, 1956 Hazel Brannon Smith had become a "controversial" figure in Holmes County. Walter Smith continued his work as hospital administrator. He had taken the institution through its building program, built up a well-qualified staff and had, through good administrative procedures, placed the operation on a non-deficit basis. The trustees showed their appreciation by increasing his salary periodically without being asked to do so and by accepting, without question, all recommendations from him regarding policy and administration. In January, a new hospital board, consisting of two old and three new trustees appointed by the county board of supervisors, was to take office. The entire medical staff of the hospital, fearing that politics were about to be injected into the administration of the hospital, unanimously went on record asking that no changes be made in the office or administrator. At the January meeting of the hospital trustees, Smith was fired without any reason being given. One of the old trustees, friendly to the Smiths, stated to a Jackson Daily News reporter that the action was taken because of Mrs. Smith's policies. The trustee was quoted to this effect in the state press.

The firing of Walter Smith marked the beginning of an organized economic boycott against the Smiths and their newspapers. There had been earlier sporadic attempts to have merchants withdraw advertising, but, though felt, these attempts had not seriously affected the paper. As of January, however, the WCC leadership openly stated that they were beginning a boycott to force Mrs. Smith out of business. The Four-County News, a nearby small newspaper, published stories of the boycott and its sponsors. The Delta-Democrat Times quoted a Lexington WCC member as saying, "We want to buy the paper (The Advertiser) from that woman and bring in a young man with the right attitude."

The three new supervisors did not renew the county contract with the Advertiser. The contract for publishing the county's legal proceedings was awarded to The Four-County News. The Four-County News had a circulation of less than 1,000, 600 in Holmes and Pickens Counties. The Advertiser and The Durant News have 4,200 circulation.

WCC members visited local merchants in an effort to have them withdraw all advertising and job printing from Mrs. Smith's firm. The boycott was not completely effective although a number of accounts were lost. The peak effectiveness of the boycott was probably reached in August 1956 when the firm, from both advertising and job printing, failed to take in enough money to meet the monthly payroll. Since that time Mrs. Smith's efforts have been aimed at survival - to remain in business with little hope of significant profit in the foreseeable future.

The Smiths have been subjected to social as well as economic reprisal. Ironically, many of their problems have arisen from national publicity awards for Mrs. Smith's newspaper work. One such crisis occurred

when the Fund for the Republic made Mrs. Smith a recipient of the American Traditions Award, on the basis of a letter written about Mrs. Smith and her newspaper work by Hodding Carter, Editor of the Delta-Democrat Times. Mrs. Smith has also been the recipient of the Herrick Award, given by the National Editorial Association, and has twice been awarded by the National Federation of Press Women.

The latest crisis to develop in Lexington occurred on October 17, 1957 when the November issue of Ebony magazine was placed on the news stand. This issue carried an article about Southern women engaged in the current struggle for equal rights. Among the women pictured was Mrs. Smith, described as being a person who had "campaigned for justice for all, regardless of race." This magazine is now being distributed by the WCC throughout Holmes County, especially to all advertisers. The article is advanced as "proof" that the Lexington Advertiser and its editor are detrimental to the community.

Circulation of Hazel Brannon Smith Appeal Material

Patrick Malin
American Civil Liberties Union

A.Richard Finchell
American Civil Liberties Union of Miami

Patrick S. Kirwan
American Civil Liberties of Kentucky

George A. Dreyfous
Civil Liberties Union of Louisiana

Earl Henderson
American Council on Human Rights

Barbara Moffett
American Friends Service Committee

F. E. Hutchens
American Friends Service Committee (Southwestern Office)

Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee (Southeastern Office)

Edwin Lukas
American Jewish Committee

Samuel Lubin
American Jewish Committee (Atlanta Area Office)

Seymour Samet
American Jewish Committee (Southeast Area Office)

American Jewish Committee (Southwest Regional Office)
Gustave Falk

Will Maslow
American Jewish Congress

Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith(N. Y.)

Murray Friedman
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (Richmond, Va.)

Nathan Perlmutter
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (Miami, Fla.)

Irving Schulman
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (New Orleans, La.)

Theodore Freedman
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (Houston, Tex.)

Circulation of Hazel Brannon Smith Appeal Material - 2.=

A. C. Miller
Southern Baptist Convention

Herman H. Long
Nashville, Tennessee

John Hope, II
Nashville, Tennessee

Lewis Deer
Disciples of Christ

Cornelius C. Tarplee
National Council
Protestant Episcopal Church

Edward A. Driscoll
Georgia Council of Churches

Emanuel Muravchik
Jewish Labor Committee

Harold Haas
Board of Social Missions
Lutheran Church in America

Harold C. Letts
Board of Social Missions
Lutheran Church in America

A. Dudley Ward
Board of Social and Economic Relations
The Methodist Church (Chicago, Ill.)

Leon M. Adkins
General Board of Education
The Methodist Church (Nashville, Tenn.)

Thelma Stevens
Women's Division of Christian Service
The Methodist Church (New York)

Roy Wilkins
N. A. A. C. P.

Dumont Kenny
National Conf. of Christians and Jews (New York)

Gordon W. Lovejoy
National Conf. of Christian and Jews (Guilford College, N.C.)

Edith Lowry
National Council of Churches of Christ, U.S.A.d
Division of Home Missions

Circulation of Hazel Brannon Smith Material - 3.

W. Murdoch MacLeod
National Council of Churches of Christ, U.S.A.
General Dept. of United Church Women

Esther C. Stamats
National Council of Churches of Christ, U.S.A.
General Dept. of United Church Women

Frances Cahn
National Council of Jewish Women

Vivian C. Mason
National Council of Negro Women

Harry Fleischman
National Labor Service

Lester B/ Granger
National Urban League (New York)

Harry L. Alston
National Urban League (Atlanta Regional Office)

H. B. Sissel
Board of Christian Education
Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

Malcolm P. Calhoun
Board of Church Extension
Presbyterian Church, U.S.

Benjamin Segal
Trade Union Program on Civil Liberties and Rights

Mrs. Dudley Moore
Unitarian Service Committee

William Stern
The Workmen's Circle

Maynard Catchings
Natinnal Student Council - YMCA

Paul Rilling
Southern Area Student Council - YMCA

Mrs. Savilla M. Simons
National Board - YWCA (New York)

Florence C. Harris
National Board - YWCA (Atlanta, Ga.)

Fay Bennett
National Sharecroppers Fund, Inc.

Circulation of Hazel Brannon Smith Appeal Material - 4.

Wilton Dillon
Phelps-Stokes Fund

Albert Vorspan
Union of American Hebrew Congregations (New York)

January 8, 1958

The Hon. George M. Leader
Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

My dear Governor:

Thank you for your letter of January 3rd inviting me to participate in the National Conference for Human Rights to be held on February 3rd at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia.

I am honored by the invitation and shall be happy to attend for I believe that much good can come from such a conference. Those of us who work in the field of human relations in the South are gravely concerned lest the people of the rest of the nation, believing the rantings of Southern politicians, slow down their efforts or lessen their demands for an equal and fully democratic society in all sections of the United States. This is no time to go slow. The great moral forces of the nation must be marshalled behind a determined and continuing effort to stamp out discrimination. The conference which you propose is a step in the right direction. It could not come at a more opportune time.

Respectfully yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

January 8, 1958

Mr. Ralph Rose
Scullcraft Studios
Annandale, Virginia

Dear Ralph:

If our memorandum calendars are not on the way would you please give them a push. You got us in the habit, and now we can't stop. The whole South awaits our getting our appointments lined up. Eight calendars and a bill would be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

Sent under separate cover: NEXT STEPS IN THE SOUTH
NEW SOUTH - April/1957
" " - December/1956
" " - October/1956
THE MINISTER -- KEY MAN IN RACE RELATIONS, by Rev. Edward A. McDowell
Christian Century Reprint - May 15, 1957: "Southwide Church Leaders Relate Theology to Interracial Situation"
"What Can Southern Ministers Do?" - Colbert Cartwright (Thermofax copy)
"Religious Bodies and the Supreme Court Decision" - Special Report

January 8, 1958

Dr. Charles P. Bowles
West Market Street Methodist Church
302 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Bowles:

It was a pleasure meeting you, however briefly, in Dr. Clary's office yesterday. I hope that we will have other opportunities to talk in the future.

We have checked our files for materials that may be of some help to you in your forthcoming workshop. Enclosed are two short manuscripts, both by ministers, that may offer some useful ideas. Also, I am sending you separately some additional published material pertinent to the subject you will be discussing.

If we can be of further help on this or any future matter, please call on me.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2 Manuscripts (Colbert S. Cartwright and W. Earl Strickland)

January 8, 1958

Mr. Earl Henderson
Field Representative
UAW
526 St. Paul Place
Baltimore 2, Maryland

Dear Earl:

I have recently been in conversation with Harry Alston of the regional office of the Urban League regarding his, Bill's, and your interest in minority employment opportunities in the Atlanta auto plants. As you know he is working toward locating suitable contact persons among Negroes in the plant who might even furnish materials for a complaint if that seemed advisable.

It is not clear to Harry at this time if Bill wants any person other than the local union members to sit in on these meetings. He feels that under some conditions, considering the League's possible role in being in touch with management, that he should not participate in the union discussions. We have agreed that if some other person is desired and if it fits Bill's and your judgment that I would be available for such informal off-the-record conferences.

I just wanted you to know of my interest and availability in this situation. I trust that Bill and/or you will be able to come into Atlanta to uncover satisfactory approaches to the problem of upgradings.

I take it that you saw the Nation article on the Newark situation.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

January 8, 1958

Mr. David Hawk
262 Maxwell Street
Decatur
Georgia

Dear David Hawk:

A quick note from you indicating other persons at Georgia State College who might be interested in the voting study, and their departments (for proper addresses), would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

Enclosure: The Negro Voter in the South.

January 8, 1957

Mr. Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218 Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

My secretary was just before mailing you a letter concerning your questions to Fred about New South billing when we received the additional letter.

Harold, Fred, and I discussed the proposal. Unfortunately, we have no bookkeeping provisions which allow for prorating New South subscriptions, which is what would be involved.

We have had considerable difficulty in the past in keeping New South records straight, and we are in the process of instituting a much simpler and more uniform record system. We think that if we established such a billing system for Alabama that it might again tend to complicate our record system. For instance, we probably will continue to get some New South subscriptions from Alabama separate from the Alabama Council membership. This would necessitate two separate set of records for the state in our file.

Then, too, if someone joined the Alabama Council in November of January; this would necessitate prorating New South costs for one or two months and our policy is not to accept subscriptions for less than one year.

As far as we know, none of the other states has this system.

I can appreciate your desire to simplify your bookkeeping.

I am sure that once a year billing would be a blessing for you. Wish I could give you more encouragement.

Thanks for the comment on New South and best wishes for 1958.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

January 9, 1958

Dr. William Noland
Sociology Department
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Noland:

Miss Mayme Porter has applied to us for temporary employment during the summer and has listed you as a reference.

We are not in a position to make a commitment, of course, but it is possible that we will be able to use Miss Porter this summer. The work, in all probability, would require proficiency in typing and shorthand as well as a reasonable degree of sophistication in race relations and related areas.

We would be grateful if you would, at your convenience, give us your opinion of this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures - 2 (Congressional Record Reprint, 7/26/57 and New York Times Reprint, 12/25/57)

January 9, 1958

Mrs. Emily Calhoun Wilson
133 W. Fairmount
State College, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Miss Mayme Porter has applied to us for temporary employment during the summer of 1958 and has listed you as a reference. This seems especially appropriate since I understand that you are quite familiar with the Council and its operation.

We are not in a position to make a commitment, of course, but it is possible that we will be able to use Miss Porter this summer. The work, in all probability, would require a reasonable proficiency in typing and shorthand. We would appreciate your opinion of this matter, with special attention to Miss Porter's clerical skills if that is possible.

All here send their best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

January 9, 1958

Mrs. Justine Wise Polier, Chairman
Executive Committee
American Jewish Congress
Stephen Wise Congress House
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Mrs. Polier:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the excellent report by the American Jewish Congress entitled: "The Myths of Racial Integration." It is a much needed refutation of the irrational fears concerning race and housing. While it is perhaps more timely in terms of developments in the North and West than in the South, I wonder if it would be possible for me to secure a small number of additional copies for selective distribution. Fifteen to twenty-five (15 - 25) copies would meet the immediate needs that I have in mind.

If you have not already done so, I might suggest that copies also be made available to the Consultative Conference on Desegregation for distribution to its mailing list. In this way, the report would reach the main private agencies concerned with racial discrimination.

We are indebted to the American Jewish Congress for the sound information and analyses that it makes available to those of us in the human relations field.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 9, 1958

Miss Anne Queen
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Miss Queen:

Miss Mayme Porter has applied to us for temporary employment during the summer of 1958 and has listed you as a reference. This seems especially appropriate since I understand that you are quite familiar with the Council and its operation.

We are not in a position to make a commitment, of course, but it is possible that we will be able to use Miss Porter this summer. The work, in all probability, would require a reasonable proficiency in typing and shorthand. We would appreciate your opinion of this matter, with special attention to Miss Porter's clerical skills if that is possible.

All here send their best wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

January 9, 1958

Miss Mayme Porter
302 Carr Dormitory
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Miss Porter:

Mr. Fleming has asked me to reply to your letter of January 3rd, There is a possibility that we will need a secretary in June. It is not desirable, of course, to fill this position on a temporary basis, but it is entirely possible that we will be willing to do so. Also, by that time we may need additional temporary clerical help for special programs which may be underway. The salary, ranging from $225 to $250 per month, would depend on the opening available.

I would suggest that you keep in touch with us. We, in turn, will attempt to give you a definite answer as early as possible. In the meantime, we will contact your references and keep their recommendations on file.

We are grateful for your interest in the Council and its work.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

January 9, 1958

Dr. Frank D. Daniel
202 East High Street
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Dr. Daniel:

Ralph Purcell very kindly forwarded to me your letter of December 13, in which you grant permission for us to make use of your speech. We expect to reprint it in an early issue of our monthly publication New South, and I will see that you receive several copies of that issue for your own use.

With appreciation and kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. Ralph Purcell

January 9, 1958

Mr. C. H. Yarrow
American Friends Service Committee
Twenty South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mike:

I hope you will forgive this delayed response to your welcome letter many weeks ago expressing your committee's willingness to cooperate in a further effort to help Hazel Brannon Smith. We ran into a veritable snarl of complications in working out a cooperative appeal, but at last we have circulated the enclosed. It went to approximately 50 staff persons of agencies concerned with human relations - that is, most of those that cooperate in GCD. I hope you will find the way in which the matter is put acceptable and that you will pass on any ideas that occur to you about further distribution.

Judging by informal communication with some of the agency folk, we are not very optimistic that this appeal will produce very much. But at least we will have tried.

Please keep me posted on what returns, if any, come to you as a result of the mailing.

With appreciation to you and to the Rights of Conscience Committee for your willingness, as always, to help.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - Hazel Brannon Smith Appeal Material

VIA AIR MAIL

January 9, 1958

Mr. Gayraud S. Wilmore, Jr.
Associate Secretary
The Board of Christian Education of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
Department of Social Education and Action
830 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Wilmore:

We have arranged accommodations for you at the Atlanta University Dormitory, Ware Hall, for January 13 and 14. It is understood that you will arrive late on the 13th.

If we can be of further help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

January 9, 1958

Mr. & Mrs. John de Menil
3363 San Felipe Road
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. & Mrs. de Menil:

Enclosed you will find our receipt for your recent and generous contribution to the Council which we received through Mr. Charles A. Shaw.

Contributions are, of course, always welcome since they are the means by which we carry on our program. However, contributions from fellow Southerners of good will are especially valued. Such endorsements of our aims and activities, in addition to helping meet our financial needs, are a source of great encouragement.

Please know that we are deeply grateful for your interest and support.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official receipt)

cc: Mr. Charles A. Shaw

January 9, 1958

Mr. A. E. Cox
National Council of Churches
Division of Home Missions
257 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Cox:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the appeal for Hazel Brannon Smith. This material is now being distributed to some 50 regional and national human relations and religious organizations, taken from the SRC directory of Organizations and Personnel Engaged in Human Relations Activities in the South.

You will note from the covering letter that we have taken the liberty of forging your signature. We felt this to be justifiable in light of the time required to get the stencil to and from you and Will Campbell. Trust you do not object to this.

If you need additional copies of this material let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Hazel Brannon Smith Appeal Material)

January 9, 1958

Mr. Will D. Campbell
National Council of Churches
Race Relations Division
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

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Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - Hazel Brannon Smith Appeal Material

January 9, 1958

Mr. Henry V. Hayes
Day, Harris, Hargrett and Weinstein
40 16th Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Henry:

The address you need is:

John Lassoe, Executive Secretary
National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials
152 West 42nd Street, Room 1508
New York 36, N.Y.

John Lassoe keeps a file of employment opportunities and another of prospective employees. There is a small charge to be so listed. I think it would be worth your while to find out the general possibilities in the human relations field by being in touch with this central information service.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

January 9, 1958

Miss Evelyn H. Roberts
Co-Chairman, Public Forum Committee
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
4644 Lee Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Miss Roberts:

As I promised you in my letter of December 17th I am sending you the biographical material and the photograph which you requested. I am not particularly pleased with either one, but they are the best that the truth and a camera will reveal. I hope they are sufficient to meet your requirements.

I look forward to seeing you in St. Louis. I shall be flying in the day before and will get in touch with you on arrival. I will be free from Sunday noon on for any television programs or other meetings that you might arrange prior to my evening speech.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosures.

FBR:fcl

January 9, 1958

Mr. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N.E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

We have received the December issue of the Florida Council's Newsletter and are much impressed with it. This is the sort of factual information which will keep your membership interested in the process of desegregation and conicidentally interested in the state Council. Upon this interest depends their desire to assist further in the work. So keep it up.

I have read the manuscript which Marion Wright has prepared for delivery at your annual meeting and it is a humdinger. This good man is in many ways an Adlai Stevenson with a Southern accent. Those who attend the meeting will be well rewarded with a thought provoking speech on a high intellectual level. I only wish that I could come.

Best regards to you and the family.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

January 9, 1958

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Services Inc.
St. Helena's Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

Received the copy of your letter to Alice Spearman of January 7th and hasten to inform you that the good Alice got her report in on time and that South Carolina's money for the second quarter has been mailed.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OBTAINING TAX EXEMPTION.

I like the idea of an extra copy of the quarterly report for your use as state chairman. I have suggested to Alice that the executive committee participate in the formulation of the next quarterly report, which will be due toward the end of March.

Warm personal regards to you and Lib.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

January 9, 1958

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

How glorious was the news that the South Carolina Council has received its tax exemption. Would you please send us a copy of your final application to the Treasury Department. We would like this for our permanent files. We would also like to use it as a model to lend to other state organizations as they apply for tax exemption.

I am writing Courtney this morning telling him that indeed you did get in the quarterly report and did so in good time. His idea of an extra copy for his consideration, as state chairman, is an excellent one. In fact it would be helpful if your executive committee participated in the formulation of the next quarterly report.

Keep up the good work.

With every good wish.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

January 9, 1958

Mrs. Lillian A. Friedberg
Corresponding Secretary
Allegheny County Council on Civil Rights
Room 1108, 200 Ross Street
Pittsburgh 19, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Friedberg:

I am sending you, as you requested in your recent letter, some biographical material and a photograph. I am not terribly pleased with either one, but they are the best that the truth and the camera would reveal. I trust they are sufficient to meet your requirements.

I look forward to being with you and the members of the Allegheny County Council on Civil Rights on February 15th. If there is any additional information you need please feel free to call on me. I shall be arriving on Capital Air Lines Flight 986 on Friday night, February 14th. Would you be kind enough to reserve a hotel room for me for that night?

With every good wish.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosures.

FBR:fcl

January 9, 1958

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. A. L. Kidd
Florida A. & M. University
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Kidd:

I have contacted the ADL office here and they are mailing you the two films today.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

January 10, 1958

Mr. T. Otto Nall, Editor
THE NEW CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE
740 North Rush Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Mr. Nall:

Thank you for your letter of January 8. You may have standing permission to reprint from the NEW SOUTH magazine as long as proper credit is given.

Articles that we reprint, of course, cannot be reprinted without securing permission from the original publication. However, Mr. Wright's article does not come in this category, so reprint any portion of it you would like.

Again, thanks,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/mf

January 10, 1958

Mr. Benjamin D. Segal
Education Director
International Union of Electrical, Radio,
and Machine Workers
1126 16th Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Segal:

Emory Via has found the report of recent events in Bay Springs, Mississippi (IUE publication no. 196) very useful in his work for SRC, but we have now come to the end of our stock of this booklet.

Will you please send us about thirty-five more copies so that the good work may be continued?

Sincerely,

Faith C. Lawson
Secretary to Mr. Via

FCL:s

January 10, 1958

Mr. John Hope, II
Fisk University
Nashville, 8
Tennessee

Dear John:

The season of needles has started and it isn't yet even summer. What is your advice regarding my earlier letter about another labor seminar at the Race Relations Institute? Ben and I are still looking forward to another one. Your counsel in this matter would be appreciated.

I would be ready to sit down with you at an early date to discuss some of the details of program and mechanics.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

January 10, 1958

Mr. Robert Pickus
4522 S. Greenwood Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Bob:

You would be interested in the New York Times magazine section for December 29, 1957 which contains an article by Abel Plenn entitled "Report on Montgomery a Year After".

Have you seen C. Wright Mills' Nation article, "A Program for Peace", in the December 7, 1957 issue?

Also, a paper, "Non-violence and the law: the law needs help", by Harris Wofford, Jr., was delivered at the 41st annual convention of the Howard University School of Religion. This might be of interest to you. Wofford is with the firm in which Dean Acheson is a partner, travelled India with Chester Bowles, and is a fairly polished, educated and reasonably well-to-do American of our generation who goes about talking about Gandhian ideas. At some time contact with him could conceivably be useful to you. I suggest that you write for a mimeographed copy of this speech (delivered on November 7th, 1957) at 701 Union Trust Building, Washington, D.C. You might mention my name and affiliation as the person suggesting that you secure a copy of the paper.

Let me hear how you and Sara are doing.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

January 10, 1958

Mr. Leon M. Adkins
Executive Secretary
The Board of Education of the
Methodist Church
P. O. Box 871
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Adkins:

Mr. Fleming has asked me to acknowledge receipt for the $150 contribution, representing payment on appropriation, from the Board of Education of the Methodist Church toward the work of the Southern Regional Council for the current fiscal year.

We are indeed grateful for your interest and support of confidence in the Council.

Please extend our warmest thanks to the Board of Education of the Methodist Church.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

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Enclosure (SRC official receipt)

January 10, 1958

Mr. George N. Leighton
Attorney-at-Law
Joel Hunter Building
123 West Madison Street
Chicago 2, Illinois

Dear Mr. Leighton:

I wish we could be of help to you in your quest for information on voting discrimination in Carroll County, Mississippi, but we can offer very little. The sad truth is that we were unable to find a suitable Mississippi consultant for our county-by-county survey of Negro suffrage in 1956. The only information we had for that state was that presented in a doctoral thesis by a graduate student at the University of Mississippi. On the basis of his investigations, the student reported Carroll County as having a Negro population over 21 of 3,958 constituting 57 per cent of the population, and a Negro registration of 0. Although these figures were for 1954, it is unlikely that they have changed in any important respect.

I am sure you have been in touch with the Mississippi state secretary of the NAACP in your search for a possible witness. I know of no other potential source.

Sent under separate cover: "The Negro Voter..."

Although it does not serve your specific purpose, I am sending you separately a copy of our published report "The Negro Voter in the South." I believe you will find it of interest.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 10, 1958

Mr. Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
Southeastern Regional Office
1818 S. Main Street
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

I'm delighted to hear that Barrington has worked out, and proud to have had a small seed-planting part to play in the recruitment. We will be looking forward to working with him.

Don't feel too penitent about unfulfilled intentions. I'm way behind, too, seeing as how I'm just getting around to sending out the proposal for a joint interagency fact-finding effort on violence, intimidation, and reprisal. You should be getting your copy soon, and I hope you will find it possible to participate as one of the four guiding agency staffers.

We'll also be sending out in a day or two notices of the February 25 - 26 meeting. See you then, if not before.

Good luck in Washington, and best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 10, 1958

Dr. M. LaFayette Harris
President
Philander Smith College
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Dr. Harris:

Under separate cover we are mailing you 50 copies of the pamphlet "Public Ethics and the Integration Question," by Marion A. Wright. If we can be of further help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

January 10, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
The New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

I'm glad to hear there is a good possibility of your being here at the time of the interagency meeting. Depending on the amount of time and distance you can manage, I would suggest that you visit the main cities down here -- Richmond, Charlotte, Columbia, Birmingham (and/or Montgomery), Nashville, New Orleans, Little Rock. State human relations councils are headquartered in several of these, and we could supply you with names of additional persons, white and Negro, whom you would find it worthwhile to see.

If your time is quite limited -- as I suppose it will be -- the best plan might be to come directly to Atlanta and work your way back up the Eastern seaboard with several stops at key cities. The airline schedules lend themselves to this arrangement.

In any case, let me know when your plans are definite and I will send more detailed suggestions.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 13, 1958

Miss Birgitta Marmolin
Dagens Nyheters redaktion
Stockholm C. Sweden

Dear Birgitta:

I enjoyed hearing from you very much and Marge and I appreciated the attractive card.

Enclosed is some material Marge drew together for you, concerning the latest school integration. Also enclosed is our latest New South.

I am putting you on the mailing list for New South, and I suggest you write to Southern School News for a subscription to their paper. This would help you get the latest information on over all school desegregation. Subscription price is two dollars and the address is P. O. Box 6156, Acklen Station, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

If you want additional information please let me know, and perhaps your chief editor would like to drop by our office on the way South this spring.

You may be interested to know that I attended a meeting of the Georgia Commission on Education on Friday of last week. Their main business was to recommend that the compulsory school attendance law in Georgia be repealed. This is the law that requires children up to sixteen years of age to attend school.

They also voted to distribute additional copies of the Highlander report and to print other pictures taken at similar meetings. I understand they have distributed about 200,000 copies of the Highlander report.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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MEMORANDUM

January 13, 1958

To: Cooperating Agencies

From: Paul Anthony, Administrative Assistant

Re: SCHEDULED FEBRUARY MEETING

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The next meeting of agencies working in the South will be held in Atlanta on February 25th and 26th. The meeting will commence in the Board Room of the Administration Building, Atlanta University, at 1:30 p. m. on the 25th and will end at noon on the 26th.

Atlanta based staff members are getting together ahead of time to make sure the agenda is soundly planned. A number of important matters are to be discussed, including the proposed joint fact-finding project. As you may know, at the last meeting it was decided to rotate the chairmanship of future meetings. Accordingly, Mrs. Ruby Hurley, Southeastern director of the N. A. A. C. P., will serve as chairman of this meeting.

Would you please let us know, at your convenience, whether or not you or your agency will be represented at this meeting. Overnight accommodations at Atlanta University will be arranged if requested. If there are any special arrangements which you need, we will be happy to take care of them if possible.

(See attached Memo)

1/13/58

Fact-Finding Project on Violence, Intimidation and Reprisals sent to the following persons:

Alan Reitman
Civil Liberties Union

Barbara Moffett, Philadelphia, Pa.
American Friends Service Committee

Tart Bell
American Friends Service Committee
High Point, N. C.

Edwin Lukas
American Jewish Committee
New York, New York

Samuel Lubin
American Jewish Committee
Atlanta, Georgia

Seymour Samet
American Jewish Committee
Miami, Florida

Will Maslow
American Jewish Congress
New York, New York

Alexander F. Miller½
Anti-Defamation League
New York, New York

Arbeld Forster
Anti-Defamation League
New York, New York

Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League
New York, New York

Arthur J. Levin
Anti-Defamation League
Atlanta, Georgia

A. C. Miller
Southern Baptist Convention
Nashville, Tennessee

Will D. Campbell
Nat'l. Council of Churches
Nalshville, Tenn.

Herman H. Long
Nashville, Tennessee

John Hope, II (Info. Copy)
Nashville, Tennessee

Cornelius Tarplee
Nat'l Council of the Protestant Church
New York, N. Y.

Lewis Deer
United Christian Missionary Society
Disciples of Christ
Indianapolis, Ind.

Emanuel Muravchik
Jewish Labor
Committee
New York, N. Y.

Thelma Stevens
Board of Missions
The Methodist Church
New York, N. Y.

Henry Lee Moon
N. A. A. C. P.
New York, New York

Mrs. Robert L. Wilcox
The Melthodist Church
Marysville, Tennessee

Mrs. Ruby Hurley
NAACP
Atlanta, Georgia

Thurgood Marshall
N. A. A. C. P.
New York, N. Y.

Gordon Lovejoy
Nat'l. Conf. of Christians and Jews
Guilford College, N. C.

Dumont Kenny
Nat'l. Conf. of Christians and Jews
New York, N. Y.

J. Oscar Lee
Nat'l. Council of Churches
New York, N. Y.

Esther C. Stamats
National Council of Churches
New York, N. Y.

Frances Cahn
National Council of Jewish Women
New York, N. Y.

Lillian Chernoff
National Council of Jewish Women
New York, N. Y.

Vivian C. Mason
National Council of Negro Women
Washington, D. C.

Harry Fleischman
National Labor Service
New York, N. Y.

Lester B. Granger
National Urban League
New York, N. Y.

Harry L. Alston
National Urban League
Atlanta, Georgia

Jean Russell
Presbyterian Church in USA
Greenville, Tenn.

H. B. Sissel
Presbyterian Church in USA
Philadelphia, Pa.

Malcolm P. Calhoun
Presbyterian Church in US
Atlanta, Georgia

Martin Luther King, Jr.
Southern Leadership Conf.
Montgomery, Alabama

Benjamin Segal
Trade Union Program on Civil
Liberties and Rights
Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Dudley Moore
Unitarian Service Committee
Boston, Mass

Hylan Lewis
Unitarian Service Committee
Boston, Mass

Galen Martin
Unitarian Service Committee
Knoxville, Tenn.

William H. Oliber
UAW-CIO
Detroit, Mich.

Earl Henderson
UAW-CIO
Baltimore, Md.

Maynard Catchings
Nat'l. Student Council - YMCA
New York, N. Y.

Paul Rilling
Southern Area Student Council - YMCA
Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Savilla M. Simons
Nat'l. Board - YWCA
New York, N. Y.

Florence C. Harris
National Board - YWCA
Atlanta, Georgia

Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Atlanta Urban League
Atlanta, Ga.

INFO. COPIES TO:

Arnold Aronson

C. H. Parrish

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MEMORANDUM

January 13, 1958

To: Organizations Participating in Southern Interagency Activities of CCD

From: Harold C. Fleming

Re: PROPOSED COOPERATIVE FACT-FINDING PROJECT ON VIOLENCE, INTIMIDATION, AND REPRISALS

At the last Southern interagency meeting, it was agreed that participating organizations would be invited to contribute to a joint fact-finding effort. The purpose of this memorandum is to give a brief description of the project, the proposed mechanics for carrying it out, and a rough estimate of the total cost. If your agency would like to contribute to the effort, under the terms set forth below, please write me at your earliest convenience -- no later than February 13.

Following is the description of the project as approved by the agency representatives attending the Southern meeting in November:

I. Violence, Intimidation, and Reprisal

1. In view of the creation of the Civil Rights Commission, it is felt that a comprehensive report of incidents of violence, intimidation, and reprisal should be compiled as quickly as possible. It is tentatively agreed that the period to be covered might date from the Supreme Court school decision of May 17, 1954. We recognize that practical considerations arising in the course of the survey might lead to the adoption of a shorter period. In any case, the incidents reported should be limited to those involving violence, intimidation and reprisal growing out of Southern reactions to the Supreme Court's decision.

2. A temporary project person, having appropriate skills and experience, should be employed. It is proposed that this temporary project director work under the overall supervision of an interagency committee made up of Southern staff members of the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Committee, the American Friends Service Committee, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Southern Regional Council. These agencies are proposed because they have existing files and materials in this field.

3. Each of the organizations participating in the Southern interagency effort will be invited to assume a prorata share of the cost of the project. We estimate roughly that the cost of the project will be between $3,000 and $5,000. It is understood that the four agencies previously mentioned shall have full responsibility for the direction of the project. When the fact-finding has been completed and a report drafted, however, each

of the contributing agencies will have an opportunity to review the manuscript and decide whether it wishes to be associated by name with the report.

4. The object will be to document each incident by newspaper reports. We recognize that it may be necessary in some cases to check the facts against other sources - organizational files, first-hand accounts, and so on. In addition to clippings and reports in the files of cooperating organizations, the files of the Southern Education Reporting Service should be utilized. It is hoped that the final report can state that each of the incidents is supported by published news reports.

5. Publication plans will be made when a draft of the report is in hand. The findings may be communicated directly to the Civil Rights Commission, released to the press and other media in printed or mimeographed form or both, depending on the circumstances at the time of completion.

January 13, 1958

Mr. Joseph Haas
First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

The great majority of the Executive Committee have selected January 29th as the date for the forthcoming meeting. Therefore, the meeting will be held here at the SRC office on that date commencing at 10:00 A. M.

We very much regret that this date is not your first selection. However, we hope that you will be able to be present on the 29th.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

January 13, 1958

Mr. M. A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

The majority of the Executive Committee have selected January 29th as their choice for the forthcoming meeting. The meeting will, therefore, begin here at the SEC office at 10:00 A. M. We look forward to seeing you at that time.

It was a (rare) pleasure to work with one schedule which allowed for either date!

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

January 13, 1958

Father Alexander O. Sigur
P. O. Box 532
S. L. I. Station
LaFayette, Louisiana

Dear Father Sigur:

As luck would have it, the great majority of the Executive Committee have selected January 29th as the date for the forthcoming meeting.

I note from your card that it will not be possible for you to be with us on that date. This we very much regret since we were anxious to have you with us. In lieu of a better solution, we will continue to hope that your schedule will change and allow for you being with us on the 29th.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

January 13, 1958

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

I am happy to report that your date of January 29th is the choice of the great majority of the Executive Committee. The meeting will, therefore, begin here at the SRC office at 10:00 A. M. on January 29th. As soon as possible we will give you a proposed agenda for your suggestions and approval.

We look forward to seeing you at that time.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

January 13, 1958

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

I am happy to report that your date of January 29th is the choice of the great majority of the Executive Committee members. The meeting will, therefore, begin here at the SRC office at 10:00 A. M. on January 29th. As soon as possible we will send you a proposed agenda for your suggestions and approval.

We look forward to seeing you at that time.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

Same ltr. sent to: Paul Christopher
John Griffin
Duncan Hunter

January 13, 1958

Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Executive Secretary
Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Grace:

I am happy to report that your date of January 29th is the choice of the great majority of the Executive Committee members. The meeting will, therefore, begin here at the SRC office at 10:00 A. M. on the 29th.

We look forward to seeing you at that time.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

January 13, 1958

Mr. J. Newton Garver, Chairman
Board of Directors
Telluride Association
Ithaca, New York

Dear Mr. Garver:

Thank you for your letter concerning the program at Cornell. When I received the material from Paul Szasz I contacted several Negro leaders here in Atlanta, but I do not know what action they took on it, if any.

However, I have contacted Mr. Robert A. Thompson at the Atlanta Urban League, 239 Auburn Avenue, N.E., concerning this matter and have sent him the material you mailed me. Mr. Thompson is a knowledgeable person in this field and should be able to help advance the desired program.

If you are interested in students from other areas in the South, Mr. Thompson should be able to furnish you some additional names. I feel certain that you will hear from him in the very near future.

Again thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

VIA AIR MAIL

January 14, 1958

Dr. Harry Meserve
Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Inc.
30 Rockefeller Plaza
Room 5600
New York 20, New York

Dear Dr. Meserve:

We have pulled together the several exhibits which you and I discussed by telephone Friday. A word or two about each:

1. Financial Analysis for 1958. -- In the months since we prepared the budget which you have, the balance to be raised from new sources has been reduced by unanticipated carry-overs from 1957, one or two new grants, and the like. The outstanding balance now stands at $43,000. If our application is approved by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, we estimate that this will be diminished, through overlapping, by about $9,000, leaving $34,000 to be secured through requests pending, in preparation, or in prospect -- some of which are also listed. I think you will agree that this reflects a firm fiscal base on which the proposed project can rest.

It hardly seemed worthwhile to attempt similar analyses for 1959 and 1960, since the details of such analyses will depend in some part on the outcome of fund-raising efforts in the interim. (For example, whether the pending requests are approved, whether they will be one-time or recurrent, etc.) As a rough index, however, it can be said that if all committed, expectable, and requested

sources repeated in the same amount during 1959, our income would be $178,400, as against a projected need of $198,598. All of them won't, of course, but the development of new sources of income during the period should make the fund-raising task for 1959 and 1960 a reasonable one.

2. Calendar-Year Statements Since 1953. -- These are the calendar-year audits which were prepared to supplement the fiscal-year audits. Since the 1957 audit will not be completed for several weeks, I am also enclosing an unaudited statement of income and expenses for the year just ended as a basis for comparison with earlier years. As you will see, these statements show a steadily rising income over the five-year period. This is true for the year just ended, even though we had less Fund for the Republic money in 1957 than we will have during 1958, 1959, and 1960. This indicates that the Council's fund-raising performance has increased commensurately with the growth of its budget.

If this financial material raises new questions, or if there is other information I can usefully submit, please let me know.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures: Financial Analysis - 1958
Audited Statements, 1953 - 1956
Unaudited Statement, 1957 (Income & Expenses)

P. S. You will note that there is a discrepancy between the balance on the 1957 statement and the amount carried over on the 1958 analysis. This difference is accounted for in the interest income shown in the "On Hand or Committed" column of the analysis.

H.C.F.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS - 1958

Amount Budgeted		$207,598.00
Amount Carried Over From 1957:		
Cash Balance 1/1/58	$3,997.00	
Fact-finding Balance	5,775.00	
Consultant Program Balance	3,432.00	
Total:		$13,204.00
On Hand or Committed by Contributors:		
Fund for Republic Allocation	$76,800.00	
New York Fund for Children	7,500.00	
William C. Whitney Foundation	5,000.00	
Aaron E. Norman Fund	5,000.00	
John Hay Whitney Foundation	2,000.00	
Phelps-Stokes Fund	2,000.00	
The Methodist Church	1,500.00	
Presbyterian Church, U.S.	250.00	
Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.	250.00	
United Steelworkers Union	1,000.00	
Interest on Investments	7,116.00	
Total:		$108,416.00
Income Expectable:		
New World Foundation	$20,000.00	
Christopher Reynolds Foundation	5,000.00	
Sigmund Silberman Foundation	400.00	
Edgar B. Stern Family Fund	300.00	
AFL-CIO	3,000.00	
ILGWU	500.00	
United Auto Workers	1,000.00	
The Protestant Episcopal Church	1,000.00	
Methodist Woman's Division	1,200.00	
Individual Contributions	2,000.00	
Office-Related Income (Subscriptions, sale of literature, honoraria, etc.)	8,500.00	
Total:		$ 42,900.00
		$164,520.00
Balance to be Raised	$43,078.00	
Less Reduction if request approved by Rockefeller Brothers Fund	9,000.00	
Remaining balance	$34,078.00	
Grant Requests Under Consideration:		
New York Foundation	$15,000.00	
Jacob R. Schiff Fund	15,000.00	
Benjamin E. Rosenthal Fund	5,000.00	
Total Requested:	$35,000.00	

Grant Requests in Preparation:

Prynce Hopkins Charities Fund	$ 5,000.00
*Marion R. Ascoli Fund	500.00
*New-Land Foundation	2,500.00
Ella Lyman Cabot Trust	5,000.00
Chace Fund	5,000.00
Total to be Requested:	$18,000.00

In addition, preliminary discussion or correspondence has been carried on with other foundations which will be applied to in coming months. (Field, Sunstein, Old Dominion, etc.)

*Contributed in 1957.

INCOME

January 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957

GENERAL BUDGET

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1957		$1,141.00
Contributions:		
Foundations:		
New-Land Foundation	$2,500.00	
Field Foundation	3,000.00	
William C. Whitney Foundation	5,000.00	
New York Fund for Children	10,000.00	
Christopher Reynolds Foundation	5,000.00	
Adele R. Levy Fund	2,500.00	
Marion R. Ascoli Fund	500.00	
Sigmund Silberman Foundation	400.00	
Edgar Stern Family Fund	300.00	
Fund for the Republic	32,666.66	
New World Foundation (Overhead Allocation)	2,000.00	
		$63,866.66
Individuals	4,815.18	
Organizations	5,568.00	
Churches	4,095.00	
		14,478.18
Interest Income		2,862.97
Office Related Income:		
(1) Subscriptions, Sale of Literature, Honoraria, etc.		8,717.09
(2) Reimbursement from Consultant Service Program for Project Expenses Incurred 1956		2,455.32
Total Income, General Budget		$92,380.22

Consultant Service Program:

Balance, January 1, 1957	$ 7,538.33	
New World Foundation Grant	20,000.00	
Total Income for Project:		$27,538.33

Fact-Finding Program:

Balance, January 1, 1957 (Carried Over From 1956)	$19,810.50	

Fellowship of the Concerned (Women's Work):

John Hay Whitney Foundation Balance January 1, 1957	1,199.84	
Phelps-Stokes Fund	2,000.00	
Travel Refunds	79.18	
Total for Project:		$3,279.02

Total Income, General Budget and Projects $143,008.07

EXPENSES

January 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957

GENERAL BUDGET

Salaries	$66,942.65	
Consultant Fees	1,153.04	
Rent	1,722.00	
Fire and Bond Insurance	722.69	
New South, Printing and Postage	6,236.90	
Postage	1,068.91	
Printing	752.72	
Office Equipment	350.40	
Office Supplies	1,598.24	
Misc. Expense	160.68	
Georgia State Sales Tax	26.16	
Books and Subscriptions	336.42	
Executive Committee Meetings and Annual Meeting	2,112.62	
Legal and Accounting	205.00	
Social Security Tax Expense	1,033.16	
Bank Charges	.45	
Telephone and Telegraph	2,995.54	
Total Expenses, General Budget:		$87,417.58

Consultant Service Program:

Consultant Fees	7,456.86	
Travel	7,237.97	
Overhead to General Budget	2,000.00	
Project Expenses 1956 Incurred to General Budget	2,455.32	
General Budget for Intern Program	4,955.80	
Total Expenses for Project:		24,105.95

Fact-Finding Program:

Consultant Fees	6,084.95	
Travel	1,123.50	
Printing	2,328.11	
Overhead to General Budget	3,500.00	
Office Equipment	998.15	
Total Expenses for Project:		14,034.71

Fellowship of the Concerned (Women's Work):

Travel Expenses for Meetings		2,760.20

Total Expenses, General Budget and Projects: $128,318.44

Expenses (Continued)

Total Income	$143,008.07
Less: Total Expenses	128,318.44
Balance, January 1, 1958	$ 14,689.63

(See attached schedule for income and disbursements to state organizations.)

STATE ORGANIZATIONS

January 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957

INCOME

Balance, January 1, 1957 ..... (Fund for Republic Grant for State Subsidies)	$66,042.61
Grants-in-Aid to States (1 Quarter) ..... (From General Funds for State Aid)	10,125.00
Special Project Grant (Arkansas) ..... (From Fund for the Republic)	1,500.00
Total Income:	$77,667.61

EXPENSE

Salaries	$60,184.38	
Consultant Fees and Travel	2,214.52	
Local Expenses for Mississippi, Tennessee and Virginia	1,418.68	
Liability Insurance	61.46	
Grants-in-Aid to States (1 Quarter)	9,500.00	
Reserved for Louisiana Effort (1 Quarter)	625.00	
Social Security Tax Expense	1,369.00	
Special Project Grant (Arkansas)	1,500.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	128.18	
Total Expense:		$77,002.22

Balance, January 1, 1958 ..... 665.39

VIA AIR MAIL

January 15, 1958

Mr. Hallock Hoffman
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Hallock:

Would it be possible for us to receive soon the additional $1,000 appropriated by the Fund for the Arkansas Council's efforts? I gather from recent communications that the Arkansas group is confronted by heavy demands in the hostile climate that now exists there, and I know they would be strengthened and encouraged by receipt of the special aid from the Fund.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Same letter sent to the Virginia Council

January 15, 1958

Mr. Edwin G. Kloppe, Executive Director
Texas Council on Human Relations
407 West 27th Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Kloppe:

This is just a note to remind you to please return, at your earliest convenience, the information requested in our memorandum of January 8, 1958.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to the
Director of Information

/c

January 15, 1958

Mrs. Margaret Price
Route 1, Box 272
McLean, Virginia

Dear Margaret:

Here is a copy of a memorandum describing a proposed fact-finding project in which, it is hoped, a number of organizations will cooperate -- at least financially. I think the project will go ahead, whatever the response of the other agencies. Once it is set, I will be in touch to see if you're available for a temporary stint as "project personnel." There is little doubt that the effort will be carried on out of SRC's office. (Since we're also about to get more space in this building, working conditions should be better.)

Tell Ben I did what I could to assist Mr. and Mrs. Tanetani. They seemed very pleasant and intelligent folks.

The best to you both.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - Fact-Finding Memorandum

January 15, 1958

Dr. C. H. Parrish
Department of Sociology
University of Douisville
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C. H.:

The forthcoming Executive Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 29th. The meeting will commence at 10:00 A. M. here at the SRC office; lunch on the grounds and adjournment 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

We gather that you can and plan to be with us. Hope so.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

pA/mf

January 15, 1958

Dr. Albert W. Dent
President
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Dent:

The great majority of the members of the Executive Committee have selected January 29 as their choice for the forthcoming meeting. Therefore, the meeting will be held on that date, commencing at 10:00 A. M. at the SRC office and ending in mid-afternoon. All indications are that the meeting will be well attended.

We regret that this date does not coincide with your first choice since we are anxious to have youuwith us. However, we hope it will be possible for you to be with us on the 29th.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

January 15, 1958

Dr. Alonzo G. Moron
President
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

Dear Dr. Moron:

Thank you for your very welcome letter of January 9 conveying your acceptance of re-election to the Council. I know the officers and other members will be as pleased as the staff is.

I was also glad to have the full text of your remarks on the disgraceful smear sheet circulated by the Georgia Education Commission and publicized by a number of newspapers. Your speech is an eloquent and forceful reply which we can use to good effect in our continuing efforts to counter the Commission's false propaganda.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 15, 1958

Mr. John R. May
Executive Director
The San Francisco Foundation
Balfour Building
351 California Street
San Francisco 4, California

Dear John:

Apropos of your recent query, here are a couple of straws in the wind. The enclosed clipping relates the restoration of tax-exempt status to Highlander Folk School - about as controversial an effort in this field as you can find. Also we have just heard that the South Carolina Council on Human Relations has, after many months of waiting, received a favorable ruling from the Internal Revenue Service.

These actions are doubly significant since, for several years, the IRS has issued almost no new tax-exempt rulings for race relations organizations.

Thanks for the copy of The Commonwealth. I've been particularly interested in the club since they invited Judge Brady of Mississippi to speak.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 Thermofax copy of Atlanta Constitution Article on Highlander's Tax-Exemption

January 15, 1958

Reverend Preston N. Williams
Assistant Chaplain
The Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Williams:

This will acknowledge your letter of January 10 requesting background information on Dr. Ira Reid.

Though I know and admire Dr. Reid, his service with the Southern Regional Council was a little before my time. I have taken the liberty of passing on your request to Dr. Mozell Hill of Atlanta University, who succeeded Dr. Reid as chairman of the Sociology Department and editor of Phylon. Dr. Hill has promised to write you promptly.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. You are to be envied for your capable secretary. We hated to lose her and look forward to her occasional return visits.

H.C.F.

January 15, 1958

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Cheers and congratulations on the South Carolina's tax-exempt status! This is a major achievement and gives us all cause for rejoicing.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. Courtney Siceloff

January 15, 1958

Mr. Frank T. Walker, Chairman
Annual Conference Committee
New England Regional Conference NAACP
64 Orlando Avenue
Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Walker:

Thank you for your letter concerning material of Southern Regional Council. We are glad to have the chance to participate in some way in your conference.

I am mailing you sufficient quantity of our Publications Listings for your conference members. In a few days I shall send you several copies of our publications for a display.

Again thanks and with very best wishes for your conference,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

January 15, 1958

Mr. Aubrey N. Brown, Editor
The Presbyterian Outlook
1 North 6th Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brown:

Your January 13, 1958 issue of Presbyterian Outlook is, as usual, excellent. One feature struck me as being of particular interest to New South readers also. This feature is "Using Churches for Schools." I wonder if I might have permission to reprint this in an upcoming issue of New South.

With very best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

January 15, 1958

Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick
St. Mark Methodist Church
Peachtree at Fifth Street, N.E.
Atlanta 8, Georgia

Dear Dow:

Many thanks for your good letter of January 13th. While we regret your decision not to come on SRC's Board at this time we respect it. One of the sins of living in an urban and industrial society is spreading oneself very thin. We know of, and appreciate, your good work with the Georgia Council on Human Relations and, of course, of the splendid work you are doing through the Methodist Church. We feel you are making a real contribution to the attainment of a more democratic society and a most worth while witness of your faith in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

If at any time we can be of help to you please feel free to call on us. We greatly value your confidence and your friendship.

With every good wish.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

January 15, 1958

Mr. John Hope, II
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear John:

Here is a memo representing the thinking of John Constable, Paul Anthony, Emory Via, Marge Manderson, and me regarding a materials distribution list. Even thought it comes "from SRC's Professional Staff" you need not feel bound by it since you didn't have a voice in its formulation. Any comments you might have, any improvements you might propose, would be most gratefully welcome here.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.

FBR:fcl

January 15, 1958

Mr. C. H. Parrish
926 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

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Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.

FBR:fcl

January 15, 1958

Mr. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N. E. 2nd Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

Sorry circumstances don't permit me to be with you for your annual meeting. Marion Wright let us read the draft of his speech, and I don't think you could have done better.

Wish the paper-shuffling and welter of bureaucratic duties gave me more time to roam around [redacted]. Florida would certainly be high on my list -- particularly at this time of year!

All good wishes to you and the Florida Council for the best year yet.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 15, 1958

Mr. Z. Alexander Looby
Attorney-at-Law
McClellan-Looby Building
Charlotte at Fourth
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Looby:

We are delighted to have your letter of January 9 accepting re-election to the Council. I am sure the officers and other members will be equally pleased by word of your acceptance.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 16, 1958

Mr. Nathaniel R. Jones
Executive Director
Fair Employment Practice Committee
City Hall
Youngstown 3, Ohio

Dear Nate:

Thanks for your letter of the 9th. Sorry I'm a bit tardy in answering it but we have been tied up with a conference and I wanted to make sure of my schedule before I answered. It will be possible for me to speak to the Chase-Lynch-Buckley human relations meeting on Sunday, February 16th.

I would appreciate your arranging transportation for me from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Youngstown on Sunday morning and then from Youngstown back to Pittsburgh Sunday evening, for I must be back in the office here on Monday the 17th.

Would you please drop me a note describing the type of meeting you are holding and giving me some idea of what you want me to say.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

January 16, 1958

Mr. James J. Clarke
Associate Director
National Conference of Christians and Jews
1615 Chemical Building
St. Louis 1, Missouri

Dear Jim:

My plans to come to St. Louis have now firmed-up, as the community relations boys say, and I shall arrive on Saturday, February 1st, by Eastern Air Lines flight 954, getting in at 12.35 pm. I shall take a limousine down town and hope to stay at the Sheraton-Jefferson. I will be free Saturday afternoon and evening, so let's plan to get together. On Sunday I am obligated to the ladies of AKA for a radio or television appearance in the afternoon and an address to their annual conference in the evening. Then I must fly that night to Philadephia for another conference.

Things go well here, at least as well as can be expected at this point in Southern development. The State Legislature is in session and ugly rumblings are heard from the legislative halls. The State Commission on Education has proposed to abolish the compulsory school attendance law; this in a state which is not known for its high literacy rate. Some of these politicians are desperate men, but most of them have a vested interest in segregation, or at least think they do. They will seek to maintain it until such time as the cost is made unbearable, either by the actions of the federal government or by the pressure of people demanding to be free. I would say that most of our politicians still feel desegregation is inevitable.

With best regards, and looking forward to getting together - let's have a party.

Your friend,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

P.S. Regards to Jim and Virg.

FBR:fcl

January 16, 1958

Rev. Edwin G. Kloppe
Executive Director
Texas Council on Human Relations
407 West 27th Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

"The time has come and now is . . . " when you should get the report on Dallas in to us. We also have not yet received your quarterly report on which will be based the possibilities of the Texas Council receiving a second quarterly instalment of this year's allocation.

Your two good letters sent through John Hope were helpful in understanding what is going on up there. In the near future I will get a memo to you on our plans for the Dallas effort.

In haste, with warm regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

January 16, 1958

Rail Travel Credit Agency
Room 436, Union Station
516 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago 6, Illinois

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed you will find our application for a rail travel credit card for two members of our staff.

If at all possible, we would like to have travel cards which will enable these two staff members to purchase tickets for any members of the staff who may need them. This is necessary since the two named individuals do little traveling. They are, however, responsible for securing tickets for those staff members who do travel.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 Rail Travel Credit Application

January 16, 1958

Mr. Morris Rubin
Editor
The Progressive Magazine
Madison 3, Wisconsin

Dear Morris:

Thanks for your letter. I'm glad my article serves the purpose.

Enclosed is a goodly list -- or, rather, lists -- of persons who might be sent complimentary copies. As you will see, I took you at your word that the number of names was immaterial. I do think this is a prime group of people who ought to be, if they aren't already, readers of the Progressive.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures. 5 Lists

M E M O R A N D U M

January 16, 1958

To: Mrs. Ruth House Alexander

From: Frederick B. Routh

The expenses incurred by C. H. Parrish in his trip to Dallas, Texas at the end of December, 1957 should be charged to the Consultant Service Program. This would include his air travel, food, lodging, and also his salary for those few days. The expenses incurred in C.H. Parrish's trip to Atlanta in mid-December should be charged to the general account of SRC and not to the Consultant Service Program.

P.S. The trip that C.H. Parrish made to Nashville, January 10-11, 1958 should be charged to the Consultant Service Program.

January 16, 1958

Mr. Oscar Campbell
National Council of the Churches of Christ
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Oscar:

Received your memo of the up-coming Executive Committee Meeting, Inter-religious Conference.

If I may paraphrase John J. Pershing's "Lafayette, we are here" --- I shall be there.

Warm Regards,

Harold Routh
Almost Executive Director

HR:FBR:fcl

January 16, 1958

Dr. E. Clayton Calhoun, President
Paine College
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Calhoun:

Your letter of January 15, has just been received. I regret very much that it will be necessary for me to return from Augusta on the first plane on the morning of the 23rd. Miss Thelma Stevens is having a Briefing Conference here at Clark, in preparation for regional workshops to follow.

I have had this commitment to be in this Briefing Conference long before I received the notice of the Paine College anniversary. One of the hard things in my life that I have to face, is the impossibility for me to be more than one place at a time.

I certainly appreciate the honor, and the privilege that would be mine if I could be there the evening of the 23rd.

Sincerely,

MET:lec

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

January 16, 1958

Mr. Edward Rutledge, Chairman
NAIRO Special Research Advisory Committee
c/o State Commission Against Discrimination
270 Broadway
New York 7, N.Y.

Dear Ed:

I have read your correspondence with Davis McEntire. I share with you some astonishment at the conclusions he drew from the report. From my viewpoint the report showed that under considerable difficulties, including limited finances, several of the agencies were showing not only concern about, but concrete work in, the problems of housing for minority groups.

You are on the right track, so hi-ball it along.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

P.S. We just received a copy of your Newsletter, Vol. 1, No. 4. To my horror on page 2 I found a picture of me talking with Arnold Aronson and George Badgely. All I can say is we look like something out of the British House of Commons!

FBR:fcl

January 16, 1958

Mr. Francis Butler Simkins
311 Fourth Avenue
Farmville, Virginia

Dear Mr. Simkins:

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We are sending you a copy of New South to which you referred, in which answers the questions in your letter of January 14.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

January 17, 1958

Mr. Joseph Gross
1754 Helen Drive, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Joe:

Thanks for the copy of the Gadfly. That was a piece of inspired and effective writing, fully worthy of the Atlanta director of the Great Books Program.

I also read with much interest and profit the public housing analysis of Cartersville you sent me some time ago. Please continue to think of me when you have material of this kind to share.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 17, 1958

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

Nothing could please me more than the prospect of a talk with you when you reach Atlanta on January 31. I will look forward to a call from you on arrival.

I take it you are coming for the doings of the Atlanta Chapter of AJC. I hope to make the Commager dinner Sunday night.

My best, as always.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 17, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
The New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

I'm glad your visit to Atlanta in February is now definite. We will look forward to seeing you, and to discussing then any further Southern steps you may decide to make.

Thanks for your assist to our Rockefeller Brothers request, a copy of which I'm enclosing. As you will see, it is closely related to the existing consultant program. If it comes through, I think one result would be greatly increased opportunities for the present consultant services. Needless to say, if you have a chance to give the request any further support, we will be more than grateful.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Rockefeller Brothers Fund Proposal)

January 17, 1958

Mr. Samuel Lubell
845 West End Avenue
New York 25, New York

Dear Sam:

The news of your impending swing through the South is welcome indeed. I hope the test run in March does lead to a full-scale study of The Problem.

We're hard pressed (as we should be), so I see little chance of cutting loose any staff members as temporary field workers. I do know of one or two possibilities whom I will sound out and, if they're available, will refer to you.

The question of gradual desegregation is an interesting, if complicated, one. It seems to me that the cumulative evidence to date adds up to this: Projecting a gradual program may help the educational and political leaders of a community decide to go ahead, but it may be more harmful than helpful in carrying out the decision. Militant segregationists appear to see a gradual, drawn-out program as a sign of weakness and lack of commitment by official leadership, hence an invitation to mobilize resistance that will halt or turn back the process. Nashville is in just that kind of trouble now, and to a lesser degree so is Greensboro. And, of course, there could be no more gradual program than that developed in Little Rock.

A show of firmness and unequivocal determination by school and police officials seems to be much more a precondition of success than the gradualness of the program.

Getting advance acceptance of the change is another matter, but I believe that too hinges on the role of leadership. As I think you would agree, the general run of people get their images of public events, notions of their "proper" role and "acceptable" attitudes on an issue, from those opinion leaders who mean the most to them. An exploration of this process would be most rewarding and useful in diagnosing the heart of the problem. I know nothing about the psychology of casting questions in a way that will elicit the most meaningful response. But in straight language, here are some of the questions that occur to me: (These assume pro-segregation views.)

1. When did you first become actively concerned about the prospect of integration?

2. Did any particular incident cause this?

3. Do you recall any specific speech, public statement, newspaper article, etc., that made a deep impression on you?

4. What public figure or figures best express your views on segregation and integration?

5. If this person (or persons) should endorse a gradual plan of desegregation, would you be inclined to go along?

6. What is your understanding of the terms of the Supreme Court's school integration decision? (If necessary, multiple-choice characterizations might be used. But an open-end answer would best illustrate the degree of distortion, misunderstanding, and myth-making that are prevalent.)

7. (If objection is based on intermarriage or sexual grounds) Would you agree (or disagree less) with a desegregation plan under which boys and girls would be separated?

8. (If objection is on grounds of health, cleanliness, etc.) Would you agree (or disagree less) with a plan that screened pupils according to these standards?

9. (If objection is to lowering of educational standards, "differences" in intelligence) Would you agree (or disagree less) with a plan that admitted to white schools only Negro pupils who tested average for that school? Or who tested superior by city-wide standards?

10. Do you know, or know of, any Negro children that you wouldn't mind having attend school with your children?

11. How far would you be willing to go in resisting integration? (Armed resistance, shutting down schools, exhausting all efforts in courts, setting up a three-way public school system, establishing private schools for white children, etc.)

12. Do you think most Negroes in your community want desegregated schools?

13. If the law were changed and segregation made voluntary, do you think many Negroes would enroll in desegregated schools?

This might go on and on, but this is enough to suggest the tenor of my thinking. As to the questions from number 6 on, I'm afraid they would serve more to point up the irrationality of attitudes than to suggest ways of getting concensus. But the irrationalities, being basic, need to be better understood.

I hope these hasty comments are of some use and that we will soon have an opportunity to sit down together for a full discussion.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 17, 1958

Mr. Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
1218 Comer Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter of January 13, and your comments on New South.

Didn't know you did the Birmingham statement but thought it most excellent.

I have had our receptionist check the list you sent me of persons who had not been receiving New South. As an extra precaution she checked the entire list for September and found a couple of other people who had not been included in our files. We are sending them October, November and December New South, and will see that they continue to receive it.

Again thanks and with best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

(Signed in the absence of John Constable)

January 17, 1958

Mr. David J. McDonald
President
United Steelworkers of America
1500 Commonwealth Building
Pittsburgh 22, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. McDonald:

I am honored by your invitation to attend the Conference for Human Rights on February 3rd. It is a matter of keen regret that a prior commitment will make it impossible for me to be present.

However, Fred Routh of our staff has received an invitation from Governor Leader and will ably represent the Southern Regional Council at the Conference.

Such a meeting to consider our pressing human relations problems could not be more timely. I am sure it will be a notable contribution to joint planning and efforts for democratic solutions.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 17, 1958

Mr. Harry Golden, Editor
THE CAROLINA ISRAELITE
P. O. Box 2505
1229 Elizabeth Avenue
Charlotte 1, North Carolina

Dear Harry Golden:

Unfortunately, the issue of New South summarizing religious pronouncements is out of print. Enclosed is a mimeographed compilation which we are currently distributing. Despite its bulk, it has been popular, and we are about to do a third run of it.

If this isn't too weighty for your purpose, let me know and I will send the copies you need. Of course, we would also be glad to have you reproduce as much of the material as you like.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure: - 1 (Religious Bodies and The Supreme Court Decision)

January 17, 1958

Mr. Jerome K. Crossman
President
Ryan Consolidated Petroleum Corporation
3400 Republic National Bank Building
Dallas 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Crossman:

Of course we are sorry that Mr. Marcus is unable to accept Council membership at this time. But we appreciate the careful consideration he gave the matter. As a Harvard alumnus, I can hardly object to the priority he gives to his position as an overseer!

Most of all, we are grateful to you for your kindness and help.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 17, 1958

Mr. N. J. Demerath, Director
The Social Science Institute
Washington University
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Nick:

A thousand apologies for my delinquency on the thirty minute memo. I guess I am the kind of guy who makes such suggestions without any thought of carrying them out himself.

As everyone says under these circumstances, I have been logged-jammed since our meeting - plus the fact that I know very little about the teacher-displacement problem. In order not to flunk out completely, I asked Henry Via of our staff to cast up what we know about matters on this subject and to outline such ideas as occured to him. Enclosed is a memo by him, including a bibliographical summary at the end, and copies of two issues of New South that had something to say about teacher integration. materials

I need hardly to say that the projected study will be of great help to us in developing programs consistent with our rule that will facilitate the proper use of Negro teachers in desegregating systems. This means mainly fact and interpretation through publications, dealings with the press and other media, and direct consultation with educators and community groups. For that reason, I am particularly interested in what you may discover about the fears, preconceptions, and myths that determine decisions

in this field - and of course the positive efforts that have dispelled them in given situations.

It was good to be with you last month, though I regret that we had no chance for less formal conversation. I hope we can remedy that soon.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures: Memo by Emory F. Via on "Negro Teachers and Desegregation"
New South - December/1955; April/1957

January 17, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: Harold C. Fleming

From: Emory F. Via

Re: Negro Teachers and Desegregation

This memo is in answer to your request for ideas relative to the problems of Negro teachers in the desegregation process. I am not conversant with the existing studies in this field, but I would guess that there are problems which have not received satisfactory attention. Some of these problems are matters of attitude, others are more in the nature of relating more readily obtainable factual information to this specific problem. Here are a few categorized comments which are meant to be suggestive:

I School Administrators.

a) To what do they respond in making their decisions regarding problems of teacher integration: their own personal prejudices, community fears, supervisors, policy boards, regard for their professional standing, some particular group affiliation, or a particular set of values (e.g. strong adherence to democratic ideals, or to the "mandates" of the education profession)?

b) Administrative dodges to the proper use of Negro teachers.

c) Relate points (a) and (b) to the policy or political bodies responsible for the educational system.

II Negro Teacher Problems.

a) A report of the activities, materials, or personal contacts, that aided in the positive adjustment to a desegregated situation.

b) Teacher age, recency of training, and type of training, relative to the kind of adaptation to the desegregated situation.

c) Character of contacts with whites prior to desegregation as a key to successful participation in an integrated system.

d) The status of the Negro teacher in the Negro community once she is not identified with an all-Negro school. This assumes that Negro teachers generally occupy a high status position in their own communities and that white teachers generally occupy a much lower status in their communities.

e) How do the provisions for teacher tenure affect the placement of teachers in a desegregated system? Is tenure provided by law, contract, or [illegible], and is it guaranteed in part by a professional [illegible]

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association or union? If problems of tenure are to be considered I would urge that contact be made with the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, and especially with their counsel, to get as broad an understanding as possible of the difficulties inherent in tenure problems even without the additional factor of desegregation.

III <u>White Teacher Problems.</u>

a) A report of the activities, materials, or personal contacts, that aided in the positive adjustment to a desegregated situation.

b) Teacher age, recency of training, and type of training, relative to the kind of adaptation to the desegregated situation.

c) Character of contacts with Negroes prior to desegregation as a key to successful participation in an integrated system.

d) The status of the white teacher in the white community once she is not identified with an all-white school. This assumes that white teachers generally occupy a much lower status position in their own communities than Negro teachers do in the Negro community.

e) How do the provisions for teacher tenure affect the placement of teachers in a desegregated system? Is tenure provided by law, contract, administrative decision, and is it guaranteed in part by a professional association or union?

IV <u>Problems with Parents.</u>

a) Attitudes of parents of white students under the Negro teacher, and vice versa.

b) The impact of scholastic competition when it becomes bi-racial. This might well be a point for some student attitude research.

V <u>Miscellaneous.</u>

a) Information on the "how" of desegregating faculties; relatively little attention, for instance, has been given to the problem of sending white faculty members to previously all-Negro schools.

b) Are there any indications toward possible federal or state programs or grants to subsidize the money loss or training needs during the transition period.

c) What information lacks, adherence to myths, etc. complicate the teacher's dealing with students of the other race? Is this reflected in such matters as compensatory behavior, undue leniency and/or severity relative to the necessity for showing impartiality, for example?

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"Kentucky is Successfully Integrating its Teachers" Report prepared by Kentucky Council on Human Relations.	New South April 1957
"Teacher Integration in St. Louis" By Margaret Dagen.	New South December 1955
"What of the Negro Teacher?"	The Harvard Crimson Special Supplement June 14, 1956
"Some Negro Teachers Favor School Segregation" Chapter 4 of "Jim Crow Schools on Trial" By Carl Rowan.	Reprinted from December 1953 Minneapolis Morning Tribune
"Desegregation at Work: Progress and Problems" By Henry Lee Moon.	The Nation December 18, 1954
"Balm for a Troubled Conscience" By Algo D. Henderson.	The Educational Record July 1954
"What Happens when Segregation Ends" By Cabell Phillips.	New York Times Magazine May 30, 1954
"Negro Teachers in 'Integrated' School Systems" By Paul Cooke and Ines Imogene Hairston.	The Delta Journal 1954
"Consider the Negro Teacher" By Nick Aaron Ford.	The New Republic April 15, 1957
"Let's Integrate Our Teachers" By Paul Simon.	The Christian Century February 20, 1957
"142 Negro Teachers Out, Many Land in New Jobs"	Southern School News November 1956

It is my understanding that there is a report of some New Jersey experience following the adoption of their new constitution in 1950. I believe that this is the Thoms Rivers report.

It might be useful to refer to "Schools in Transition", "Citizens Guide to Desegregation", the annual ACLU report, AJC's most recent "The People Take the Lead", and "A Miracle of Social Adjustment."

Possible other sources for leads, unevaluated by me, are the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers, 123 South Queen Street, Dover, Maryland, and Rupert Picott, Executive Secretary, Virginia Teachers' Association, Clay Street at 4th, Richmond 19, Virginia, who I understand is also the national head of the Negro teachers' associations.

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1/17/58

Distribution of "Myths of Racial Integration" put out by:

Program Department
American Jewish Congress
and STATE OF MIND *

Each State Director *
Robert A. Thompson - Atlanta Urban League
Albert Thompson - FHA
Hubert Jackson - PHA
Robert Stuart - Atlanta Met. Planning Commission
Joseph Gross - Atlanta, Ga.
John Hope, II *
C. H. Parrish *

* State of Mind sent only to these.

January 17, 1958

Mr. H. Milton Patton
The United Christian Youth Movement
257 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Patton:

I am honored that you remembered our conversation of November 1st. Your request is not a simple one, but with the help of our Director of Information, I will give you as much assistance as possible.

Unfortunately the detailed material in our files concerning the cities you mention is by no means complete. Under separate cover I am sending you some information on Winston-Salem, North Carolina and Greenville, South Carolina. Within the course of a few days I hope to collect the material on Birmingham, Alabama and mail you a report on this city. I am also sending you a report on Nashville, Tennessee, which perhaps may be of some use.

The other cities you mention present something of a problem. Our research department is now in the process of preparing extensive reports of the type you require on Dallas, Texas, Norfolk, Newport News and Charlottesville, Virginia, and New Orleans, Louisiana. We will see that you get copies as they are completed. Since most of the time available for this type of project is now being spent on cities other than those in which you are interested, the time factor becomes very important.

One suggestion for persons who should have a good idea of community temper, etc. and who might be willing to assist you, are the Executive Directors of the various Councils on Human Relations in the individual states. I am therefore sending a list of the names and addresses of the persons heading these Councils. The list also includes names of representatives of other Human Relations agencies working in the South; enquiries of some of these might also provide you with useful additional material.

Continued . . .

Mr. H. Milton Patton January 17, 1958

I regret that I cannot be of more direct assistance to you at the present time, but hope the above suggestions may be of help. In the meantime I will gather together what other material is available here and send it to you shortly.

Sincerely yours,

Machion S. Garrison, Jr.
Intern

MSG:fcl

January 20, 1958

Dr. Kenneth Clark
Psychology Department
City College of New York
New York, New York

Dear Ken:

A word of thanks for having CIBA send the copies of "State of Mind" containing your excellent question-and-answer piece. I have distributed the copies to key people around the South.

I hope the Arkansas trip was fruitful - personally as well as professionally. We'll be looking forward to word of your findings.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 20, 1958

Dr. Luther H. Foster
President
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Dr. Foster:

The 44th Annual Report is excellent in every way - content, style, and format. Our congratulations and appreciation to you and to the Institute.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 20, 1958

Professor Arthur Miller
Lamar School of Law
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mr. Miller:

I don't believe I have seen or written to you since "Racial Discrimination and Private Education" appeared. The book is first-rate, both in style and content, and I'm sure it will be helpful to a variety of decision-makers for some time to come. I was glad to see it noted among the books recommended in the January issue of the Phi Beta Kappa Key Reporter.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 20, 1958

Mr. Edward Rutledge, Chairman
NAIRO Special Research Advisory Committee
New York State Commission Against Discrimination
270 Broadway
New York 7, N.Y.

Dear Ed:

Thanks for the concluding chapter in your correspondence with Dave McEntire. 'Twas a happy ending to the volume!

Warm regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

January 20, 1958

Dean C. G. Gomillion
Division of Social Sciences
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee, Alabama

Dear Dean Gomillion:

Thank you for your letter of the 15th inviting me to the annual meeting on February 15th. Unfortunately it will not be possible for me to attend for I have a previously scheduled speaking engagement in Pittsburgh.

I note that you ask for a summary of what the other Councils are doing. Prior to the 15th this office will have supplied each state organization office with a summary of the activities of all the state organizations as outlined in their first quarterly report. It would be good if you, as an officer of the Alabama Council and a Board member of SRC, could review this with Bob Hughes and present an account of what the Council's are doing.

I am indeed pleased that Mr. Dabbs is to be the key-note speaker for he is a challenging thinker and an able orator. I shall miss hearing him and seeing all of you over there.

Warm regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

January 20, 1958

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Many thanks for your letter of the 16th with the tax exemption form enclosed. I think the job done in answering the various questions was a good one, and we are certainly rpoud that the South Carolina Council enjoys tax exemption.

It would seem that if in a hard core state such as South Carolina tax exemption can be obtained then it should be relatively easy in the mid-South and border states. Thanks for help in leading the way.

Warm regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

January 20, 1958

Mr. Robert Pickus
4522 S. Greenwood Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Bob:

On the off-chance that you missed the enclosed clip from the Christian Science Monitor I am sending it on to you.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

January 20, 1958

Mr. Aubrey M. Brown, Editor
The Presbyterian Outlook
1 North 6th Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you very much for your quick response to my request for permission to reprint the article which appeared in The Presbyterian Outlook. We do appreciate it.

With very best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

January 20, 1958

Mr. Harry Fleischman
Director
National Labor Service
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Harry:

Here are the names of several TV and radio people who have done constructive things on race relations and would be suitable participants in the proposed conference:

Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg
WHAS
Louisville, Kentucky
(A first-rate public affairs programmer, current president of the Kentucky Council on Human Relations.)

Ralph Renick
WTVJ
Miami, Florida
(Has done some outstanding special programs which facilitated resolution of interracial controversies.)

Ken Kurtz
WIS
Columbia, South Carolina
(does a fair and full job on racial matters in an area where this is the exception.)

(Mr.) Dale Clark
WAGA
Atlanta, Georgia
(A news director who consistently goes out of his way to get positive facts on racial developments before his audience.)

Nat G. Williams
(ADDRESS TO BE SUPPLIED)
Memphis, Tennessee
(A Negro programmer of great virtuosity, who does everything from disc-jockeying to public affairs programs; an important radio figure in Memphis.)

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA
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HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

January 21, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: All State Organization Executive Directors and Chairmen

From: Frederick B. Routh, Assistant Director

Re: Quarterly Reports

Several of the states have asked whether SRC now wants a quarterly report, a monthly report, or both.

SRC requires, of all state organizations, a quarterly report which must be submitted prior to the date on which the payment for the following quarter is due. This applies to (i) a narrative report on program activities and (ii) a financial report.

If the state office puts out a monthly report for its own Board or officers SRC would appreciate a copy. In the event that a monthly report is put out by the state organization and SRC receives a copy we still require a quarterly report . . . which could largely be based on the monthly reports.

The form of the quarterly narrative report is suggested by my memo of December 5, 1957 regarding the first Quarterly Report.

SRC will supply your office with a new and simplified Quarterly financial report form prior to the end of this quarter. You should, of course, keep a monthly financial record for your own use.

If you have any further questions about the matter of reporting please feel free to write.

January 21, 1958

Mr. H. Milton Patton
United Christian Youth Movement
National Council of the Churches of Christ
in the United States of America
257 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Milt:

Thanks for your recent letter outlining your current thinking on the UCYM plans for community involvement. Machion Garrison has supplied you with some of the information you requested. You ask me for some key people in the communities you listed. I have chosen only a few in each community, but they know the situation well and are involved in the community.

City	Persons
Charlottesville, Virginia	Mrs. Sarah Patton Boyle, Box 3183, University Station, Charlottesville.
	Dr. David Wilson, 24 E. Range, Charlottesville, Virginia.
	Dr. Lambert Molyneaux, 400 Alderman Road, Charlottesville, Virginia.
Richmond, Virginia	Dr. John H. Marion, Executive Director, Virginia Council on Human Relations, 1409 Chowan Road, Richmond 26, Virginia.
	Dr. Rupert Picott, Executive Secretary, Virginia Teachers' Association, Clay Street at Fourth, Richmond 19.
Winston-Salem, North Carolina	Reed Sarratt, Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Continued . . .

Mr. Milton Patton January 21, 1958

City	Persons
Chapel Hill, North Carolina	Dr. Guy Johnson, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.
	Rev. Charles Jones, Community Church, P.O. Box 2, Chapel Hill, N.C.
	Anne Queen, Student Secretary, YWCA, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
Greenville, South Carolina	Richard Foster (Judge, Juvenile Court), Curb Market Building, P.O. Box 1325, Greenville, South Carolina.
Knoxville, Tennessee	Galen Martin, Box 887, Knoxville, Tennessee.
	Francis Manis, School of Social Work, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
	Dr. James Colston, President, Knoxville College, Knoxville, Tennessee.
Memphis, Tennessee	Eugene Cox, 933 Chambliss Road, Memphis 16, Tennessee.
	Rev. J. A. McDaniel, Executive Secretary, Memphis Urban League, 546 Beale Street, Memphis, Tennessee.
	Dr. Hollis Price (President, LeMoyne College), 825 Walker Avenue, Memphis 6, Tennessee.
Birmingham, Alabama	Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director, Alabama Council on Human Relations, Room 1218, Comer Building, Birmingham 3.
	Emory Jackson, Editor, Birmingham World, 312 17th Street, North, Birmingham.
Houston, Texas	Mrs. James Crate, 2410 Inwood Drive, Houston, Texas.
	Mr. Charles Shaw, P.O. Box 2097, Houston 1, Texas.

I hope this will prove helpful to you.

Best regards.

Cordially,

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Frederick B. Routh
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VIA AIR MAIL

January 21, 1958

Mr. Alan Reitman
Assistant Director
American Civil Liberties Union
170 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Alan:

Thanks for your letter expressing concern about Hazel Smith's plight. I'm glad you share our feeling that it is a case worthy of some effort.

One thing we didn't make clear, I'm afraid, was the reason for confidentiality. Mrs. Smith and sympathizers who know her situation (e.g., Will Campbell, Gene Cox) feel strongly that public championing of her cause by the liberals afar would be damaging, if not fatal. Thus we have no choice but to limit the use of the material to private communications. Certainly it would be helpful and appreciated if you should place the information in the hands of the influential people you mention. But any approaches involving publicity or the likelihood of publicity are closed to us.

This circumstance sorely restricts our efforts to muster assistance for Hazel Smith, and I only wish it were otherwise.

I hope to see you at the Mass Media Committee meeting in February.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
BC sent to Art Levin

January 21, 1958

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Many thanks for your letter and the materials posting us on Governor Timmerman's speech, the Allen University controversy, and the suit against the state university. It is very helpful to us to be this fully informed so promptly. Please call us collect if developments occur which you think we should know about at once.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 21, 1958

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Director
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

The tax-exemption memo mentioned by Marion Wright is evidently one prepared for NAIRO which we distributed to the state organizations about a year ago. It was mimeographed, entitled: "Tax Exemption and Private Intergroup Relations Agencies," forwarded to each state office by memo from Fred Routh dated December 14, 1956.

We were able to get only a limited number of copies and have here only one file copy, which I would rather hang onto if the S. C. Council has it on file. I suggest you check with Alice. If she can't turn up the S. C. Council's copy, let me know and I will shake loose our file copy.

It's a good memo, well worth careful reading.

Best regards,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 21, 1958

Mrs. Ruby Hurley
Southeastern Director
N. A. A. C. P.
895½ Hunter Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ruby:

Enclosed you will see a copy of the reminder we are sending out for your meeting on the 28th. All of the people listed on the memorandum have indicated that they will be with us. If there is anything else you want done for the meeting, let us know.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - Information copy of Memorandum - 1/21/58

INFO. COPY SENT TO: Mrs. Ruby Hurley

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
Atlanta, Georgia

MEMORANDUM

January 21, 1958

Grace T. Hamilton

To: Arthur J. Levin
Samuel Lubin
Harry L. Alston
Edward Driscoll
Paul Rilling
Miss Florence Harris

From: Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

Re: January 28th Meeting

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A reminder of the meeting of Atlanta agency people to be held in this office on January 28th at 2:30 P. M. The purpose of the meeting, of course, will be to plan the agenda for the interagency meeting to be held February 25th and 26th.

If your plans have changed and you cannot be present on the 28th, we would appreciate knowing of it.

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January 22, 1958

Mr. W. H. Grimes, Editor
Wall Street Journal
44 Broad Street
New York 4, New York

Dear Mr. Grimes:

We are interested in distributing reprints of the article, "Segregation Costs--Dixie Firms Find Them More of a Burden as Racial Tension Grows," by Carl Brumley in the December 17, 1957 issue of the Wall Street Journal. We will be grateful if you would extend us reprint privileges for this article.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

January 22, 1958

Mr. Lester Markel, Editor
New York Times Magazine
229 West 43rd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Markel:

We are interested in distributing reprints of the article, "The Southern Negro: Change and Paradox," in the December 1, 1957 issue of the New York Times Magazine. We hope you will grant us reprint permission for this article.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

January 22, 1958

Mr. John Darragh
Co-Operative College
Stanford Hall
Loughborough
Leicestershire
E N G L A N D

Dear Mr. Darragh:

Please send us a copy of your pamphlet titled "Colour and Conscience." We are enclosing twenty-five cents to cover cost.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

January 22, 1958

Mr. Ed Cony
Wall Street Journal
Burnett Building
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Ed:

I had hoped to get this out last night but got bogged down in a meeting. I guess it doesn't matter too much since you were to be out of town for a few days anyway. Here are the answers you ask for:

Sixty ministers signed the Richmond ministerial statement. The papers are not explicit in this, but say "about sixty", and none of them carried the full list of signatures.

Following the issuance of the statement the Richmond Times-Dispatch did a survey of the Protestant clergymen - probably white Protestant clergymen - in the Richmond area as to their attitude to the statement. The enclosed clipping reports the results.

Both major Richmond papers editorialized on the ministers' statement. On January 30th 1957 the Richmond News-Leader attacked in general terms the ministers' statement. On January 31st the Richmond Times-Dispatch came forth with an ambivalent editorial on the subject, but mostly slanted toward regret that the ministers had said anything.

I am enclosing with this letter our promotional "Toward the South of the Future". In it you will find a statement of policy which rather clearly states our position in this whole matter. I am also sending you, under separate cover, "A Brief History of the Southern Regional Council".

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Enclosures.

FBR:fcl

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

January 23, 1958

Dr. Francis S. Harmon
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Harmon:

Our sincere thanks for your kind letter and contribution. Feel free to call on us for any further information that will assist the purpose you have in mind.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official receipt)

January 23, 1958

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

Thanks for your good letter. It is encouraging to know that we can count on your continued support and leadership.

As it turned out, January 29 was the choice of most of the Executive Committee members. I'm awfully sorry you can't make it on this date, but will hope for better luck when we schedule the next meeting.

Meanwhile, my warm regards and good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. I just heard that George Hunton has undergone a major eye operation. I hope, as I know you do, that the outcome will be wholly successful.

H.C.F.

January 23, 1958

Mr. Hallock Hoffman, Treasurer
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter to Mr. Fleming of January 17, 1958, and the $1,000.00 check for work in the Little Rock Area by the Southern Regional Council's affiliate, Arkansas Council on Human Relations. We are enclosing the Council's official receipt.

There has been no change in the Council's tax exemption status since the last grant from the Fund for the Republic.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

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Enclosure

January 23, 1958

Mr. Marion Wright
Linville Falls
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thank you for your letter of January 18th, inviting me on behalf of the Board of Trustees of Penn Community Services to serve on their Advisory Board. I have discussed this with Harold Fleming and we are in agreement that there is no conflict of interest between my staff position here and serving on Penn's Advisory Board.

Personally I am gratified by the invitation and will be pleased to serve! In accepting the invitation I do so with the full knowledge that "by history, tradition and conviction (Penn Community Services) is committed to the principle of the complete equality of opportunity of all men." Indeed, were it not so I probably would not be invited to serve and if I were invited I would have to refuse.

Once more, thanks for the invitation. Add me to the list and I will do whatever I can in an advisory way to assist program planning for Penn Community Services.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

January 23, 1958

Miss Evelyn H. Roberts, Co-chairman
Public Forum Committee
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
4644 Lee Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Miss Roberts:

Many thanks for your letter of the 18th with the enclosed schedule. I was happy to learn that the television program is being sponsored by the NCCJ and the Urban League as well as Alpha Kappa Alpha.

I had intended to stay at the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel, but Mr. James Clarke of the NCCJ suggested I stay at a hotel closer to the conference site. This is perfectly agreeable to me, and he has volunteered to make reservations for me, so if you would contact him he will tell you where I am staying, for at this moment I do not know.

As you requested I shall telephone you upon my arrival in St. Louis. I look forward to seeing you and the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha.

With every good wish.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

January 23, 1958

Miss Virginia Grantham
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
416 Twenty-first Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Virginia:

I was recently through Nashville and unfortunately did not have time to get together with you. But I heard that the Tennessee Council was anxiously searching for an Executive Director. While we too are anxious for you to get a Director as quickly as possible we are even more anxious that the person be well qualified for the position. If you have a candidate in mind who cannot accept the job for a few months, and this candidate strikes you as just the person for the job, we would rather see you wait and secure his services. Don't feel that you are under pressure from this office to move in desperation. I think we have already demonstrated in our relationship with the Tennessee Council our patience and understanding with your situation. This patience and understanding continues.

With every good wish.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

January 23, 1958

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Thanks for sharing with us the copy of your speech to be given at Pendle Hill. I have read it with great interest and am taking the liberty of hanging onto it so that other members of the staff can read it, too.

We are all hoping your Alabama appearance comes off. Nothing could be more refreshing to the staff than to see the Council through other eyes -- particularly eyes as acute (and sympathetic) as yours. I'll be particularly interested to see how Areopagitica figures. In my lower moments, I think Il Penseroso would be the likelier citation. But I gratefully yield to your agrarian optimism.

We're looking forward to seeing you next week.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 24, 1958

Miss Barbara Hartshorne
Itinerary Chairman
University of Denver Student YMCA-YWCA
University Park
Denver 10, Colorado

Dear Miss Hartshorne:

I have delayed answering your letter until I could give sufficient time to thinking through an itinerary in the South that would have some meaning for a five day trip. As you probably know distances are rather considerable, particularly when you start from Denver, to do very much in the way of getting acquainted with a region so extensive as the South.

I would suggest that you start in the western part of the region, in the Lone Star State of Texas, visiting either Austin or Dallas. In Austin you will find the University of Texas, and a good person to contact there would be Dr. Carson McGuire of the Department of Educational Psychology. In Dallas you will find Southern Methodist University, and a good person to contact there would be Dean Merrimon Cuninggim at the Perkins School of Theology (SMU).

From either of these places you could procede to New Orleans, Louisiana, where you would find Dillard University. A good person to contact there is Dr. A. W. Dent, the President: also in New Orleans is Loyola University, and a good person there is Father Louis Twomey at the Institute for Industrial Relations. Also in New Orleans is Tulane University - contact, Dr. William Kolb, Department of Sociology.

Coming further east you run into Mobile, Alabama, and there you will find Spring Hill College - contact, Father Albert S. Foley, S.J. of the Department of Sociology. Swinging up into the deep South to Tuskegee, Alabama, you run into the Tuskegee Institute - contact, Dean C. G. Bomillion.

Continued . . .

Miss Barbara Hartshorne January 24, 1958

Then on to the would-be Sovereign State of Georgia. Here in the capital city of Atlanta is Morehouse College - contact, Dr. Benjamin Mays, President. Here, too, is Emory University - contact, Dr. Sam Laird, Director of Religious Life.

From here you might proceed up to Knoxville, in the heart of TVA country, and there you will find Knoxville College - contact, Dr. James Colston, President; and the University of Tennessee - contact, Mr. Francis Manis at the School of Social Work. Proceeding westwards, and toward home, one hits Nashville - the so-called Athens of the South - and there you will find Fisk University - contact, Dr. Herman Long at the Institute on Race Relations. Scarritt College is also in Nashville - contact the Dean of the College (whose name I have forgotten); also Vanderbilt University - contact, Mr. Walter Sharpe, Department of Fine Arts. Proceeding westwards to Memphis you will find LeMoyne College - contact, Dr. Hollis Price, President.

From there one may motor across Arkansas and Oklahoma on the way to Denver.

I recognize that this is more than a five-day tour. I would suggest that you stop by the AAA office in Denver and mention the cities in which you are interested and schedule your trip accordingly. If you are sending more than one car load of students perhaps one car could cover several cities and another car several more, and you could pool your experiences upon your return to the University of Denver.

If the group is inter-racial there will be some difficulties in some places. But generally speaking you will find housing available at any of the Negro Universities or Colleges for both groups. In the more liberal or the integrated Universities or Colleges you should have no difficulties at all. But at public or private white institutions in the deep South it will be virtually impossible to house an integrated group together, though there are ways round even this. When your plans are firmed-up I would suggest you write the YW or YM Secretary on each campus which you intend visiting and ask for their assistance in finding you accommodations and interesting people with whom to speak.

If I can be of any further help to you please feel free to call on me. Next time you write Doris Wilson give her my warm regards.

With every good wish.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

January 24, 1958

Mr. Clarence Jordan
Koinonia Farm Inc.
Route 2
Americus, Georgia

Dear Clarence:

What is the news? I am most anxious to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

January 24, 1958

Mr. Benjamin D. Segal, Director
Trade Union Program on Civil Liberties and Rights
1244 Nineteenth Street, N.W. Room 301
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Ben:

I talked by telephone today with Harold Boyd of the Virginia AFL-CIO. I will go into Roanoke on the 31st January and be there for the weekend. He is going to be in touch with you for 350 copies of your "Industrialization: Accent on the South".

I still plan to be with him for the February 22-23 institute. However, my commitments here in Atlanta may prevent my long anticipated trip into Washington with Margaret.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

January 24, 1958

Mrs. Lillian A. Friedberg
Corresponding Secretary
Allegheny County Council on Civil Rights
Room 1108, 200 Ross Street
Pittsburgh 19, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Friedberg:

Thank you for your letter of January 20th informing me that reservations have been made for me at the Penn-Sheraton Hotel.

You asked for one or two titles from which you could choose one for my address. I would suggest, (i) "Changing Patterns in Civil Rights and Civil Liberties", or (ii) "Civil Liberties and Civil Rights in an Age of Crisis", or (iii) "Individual Freedom, the Challenge of our Time".

If you are unhappy with all of these - and I am not particularly pleased with any - please feel free to select a better one. In any case please let me know what you decide to call my address.

With every good wish.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

January 24, 1958

Father Albert S. Foley, S.J.
Department of Social Science
Spring Hill College
3669 Old Shell Road
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Father Foley:

Your letter of January 18th came to my desk just prior to the meeting scheduled for the evening of the 21st. We regret that it was impossible for you to come here. We were happy that Father Boyce had been asked to participate in the meeting. Unfortunately Father Boyce did not make the meeting, nor did any of us hear from him either before or after the meeting.

We all missed your wise counsel and good spirit. Jean Russell will send you the minutes of the meeting in the next few days. I hope it will be possible in the future for the Holy Mother Church to be represented at this meeting, for a three-legged stool gets very wobbly when one of its main supports is missing.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

January 24, 1958

Miss Susan Hunter
Art Department
Fortune Magazine
9 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, N.Y.

Dear Miss Hunter:

Many thanks for your kind letter of January 21st. The Southern Regional Council is always happy to cooperate with any of the national magazines. We were particularly interested in Fortune's project at the Brussels International Fair. We believe that it is important that though we acknowledge our shortcomings we also point out the significant progress that is being made in the South. The best answer to Communist propaganda against the United States is the simple truth that we are making progress and that there are dedicated white and Negro Southerners who are working for a more democratic society. Fortune magazine is to be congratulated for its sensitivity in including more than industrial and business expansion in its interpretation of the United States at the Brussels International Fair.

We would appreciate any photographs you might take at the pavilion at the Fair. Does Fortune intend to run a special article on the Fair? We would be interested in this, if so.

I am glad that you found a useful way of disposing of the literature. The morgue of Time magazine is an extremely live spot and I am sure that further use will be made of it for background purposes.

If we can be of help at any time in the future please feel free to call on us.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

January 24, 1958

Rabbi Amiel Wohl
Congregation Rodef Sholom
623 North 32nd Street
Waco, Texas

Dear Rabbi Wohl:

Thanks for your letter of January 21st enquiring about human relations organizations in the South, and particularly in Texas and Waco. There are several statewide organizations in Texas which operate in the field of human relations. They are:

American Friends Service Committee: F. E. Hutchens
Executive Secretary
Southwestern Regional Office
407 West 27th Street
Austin, Texas

Anti-Defamation League: Theodore Freedman
Area Director
1101 Blodgett Street
Houston 4, Texas

American Jewish Committee: Gustave Falk
Area Director
Southwest Regional Office
529 Fidelity Building
Dallas 2, Texas

Texas Council on Human Relations: Rev. Edwin G. Kloppe
Executive Director
407 West 27th Street
Austin, Texas

Besides these there is some sort of "local" of the Texas Council on Human Relations in Waco. I fear it has not been as active in recent months as it once was. Mr. Kloppe can give you full details on it.

Continued . . .

Rabbi Amiel Wohl January 24, 1958

I am sending along with this letter a copy of our publication "Next Steps in the South" which describes some things which may be done on the local level. I am also sending two public affairs pamphlets that may be of help to you.

I would suggest that you get hold of "Citizens Guide to Desegregation" by Hill and Greenberg, published by the Beacon Press. It has several good suggestions. Another good pamphlet put out by the National Council of Christians and Jews is "Education in a Transition Community" by Jean D. Grambs.

Both Mr. Falk and Mr. Freedman have annotated bibliographies in this area that might be of further help to you. If there is anything more I can do please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

P.S. I would suggest that you subscribe to Southern School News. The subscription is $2.00 and their address is: Box 6156, Acklen Station, Nashville, Tennessee.

Enclosures.

FBR:fcl

January 27, 1958

Mr. Francis B. Simkins
311 Fourth Avenue
Farmville, Virginia

Dear Mr. Simkins:

Thank you for your letter of January 24, and payment for The Negro Voter in the South.

In answer to your question, the 99,890 persons listed as the Negro registration figure in South Carolina for 1956, represents the total for that state. This would mean that that many persons were eligible to vote in the democratic primary and the general election for 1956. Although this figure is only an estimate, we consider it a very reliable one.

The South Carolina registration officials do not keep registration data by race and so it is difficult to determine the exact number of persons voting by race.

As you may know, South Carolina last year cleared its books of all registered voters; and it is now necessary for all South Carolina voters to reregister. We do not have any up to date figures on how this reregistering is progressing.

I hope this will clarify the material somewhat for you. For additional information you might write Mrs. Alice Spearman, Executive Director, South Carolina Council on Human Relations, 1745 Sumter Street, Room 100, Columbia, South Carolina.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

January 27, 1958

Mr. Herbert Hill
NAACP
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, N.Y.

Dear Herbie:

Thanks for the copy of your recent letter to John Hope and for your letter to me in response to my earlier communications.

Harold and I agree that you have done an excellent job in summarising some of the Association's relations with the President's Committee. It is a gross understatement to comment that the matter of delays is a real frustration to all interested parties. We greatly appreciate having the round-up.

We have had an opportunity to talk with John regarding other aspects of your letter and it is our hope that he will soon find time to discuss them with you.

It is safe to say that the attempt to get the agency persons responsible for employment concerns together for a real head-knocking session has died aborning. However, I believe that there will be other efforts which we will either stimulate or participate in which will be of interest to you. I still feel that some approach to developing a regional view of the employment opportunities field is much needed. We need the kind of solid concepts that will aid a variety of organizations to understand the ways in which they can contribute to the solution of a total problem. But this is ground that we have gone over before, and when I come up with an approach that offers some possibilities I will certainly be in touch with you. I am sorry that this whole idea became so hopelessly bogged down. I have had a lot of interesting two-way conversations, but could not find just the right common ground for a fruitful general confab.

Continued . . .

Mr. Herbert Hill January 27, 1958

Except for the possible slow-down in the economy as a whole, I am generally optimistic about the future for fair employment practices. There are a few indications that much of the plugging and gadflying has been worth the effort.

Best personal wishes, and I trust that it will not be too long before you are able to find your way here again.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

January 27, 1958

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the proposed agenda for the forthcoming Executive Committee meeting for your approval and suggestions.

Indications are that at least eight members of the Committee will be present.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Agenda for Executive Meeting)

January 27, 1958

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the proposed agenda for the forthcoming Executive Committee meeting for your approval and suggestions.

Indications are that at least eight members of the Committee will be present.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Agenda for Executive Meeting)

PROPOSED AGENDA

Executive Committee Meeting
Southern Regional Council
January 29, 1958

EXECUTIVE SESSION

10:00 A. M.

Adoption of Agenda

Other Business

GENERAL SESSION

10:30 A. M.

Report of the Executive Director

(a) Organizational business
(b) Program Activities

Discussion

Report on Aid to State Groups

Discussion

12:30 P. M.

LUNCH

1:30 P. M.

Financial Reports

Report on Membership Acceptances

Committee Action on Membership Vacancies

Committee Discussion of Utilization of Members

4:30 P. M. ADJOURNMENT

January 27, 1958

Mr. Nelson C. Jackson
Associate Director
National Urban League
14 East Forty-eighth Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Jack:

Thanks for your letter of January 21 commenting on the proposed joint fact-finding project. Certainly the designation of the five steering group agencies wasn't intended to imply that the other agencies, including the Urban League, have no material to contribute to the study. The thought was simply that these five, more than the others, had concentrated on accumulating across-the-board information on violence, intimidation, and reprisals.

I am sure you would be the first to point out that the NUL, faced with the task of servicing the local leagues, resisting the organized pressures in the South, and carrying on its regional work in the field of employment, could hardly be expected to put a lot of effort into generalized fact-finding in the region. The omission of the League was no more invidious than that. And I hasten to add that we would be delighted if you feel that the NUL can be one of the participating agencies in the project and that Harry can serve on the steering committee.

As Harry no doubt told you, we continue to work closely with him, following the tradition established when you were

in Atlanta. He is a valued member of the interagency group and attends the meetings whenever his travel schedule permits.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. Harry L. Alston

January 27, 1958

Mr. Colbert Cartwright
Pulaski Heights Christian Church
Hillcrest and Spruce
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Bert:

Please forgive this long delay in acknowledging your letter forwarding the manuscript by Pettigrew. The delay was partly occasioned by my passing it around for others on the staff to read, and partly by the need for copying it. I think it is a very good and provocative piece of writing, and I will correspond with Pettigrew about the possibility of our using it. I have not been able to think of a popular magazine that would likely be interested - though I do think there is a chance that we might get some newspaper publicity for it, based on publication in New South.

We have one reservation about the manuscript as it stands. In stressing the importance of sudden, decisive action by the authorities, Pettigrew neglects the desirability of useful, selective prior planning. Even in the case of a factory, it would be wise to prepare certain key people in the operation - perhaps down to the level of foreman - with explanations of the change and the reason for it. This is even more essential, as you have so well pointed out, in a community situation. I think this may well be an editorial rather than a substantive problem, since I doubt that Pettigrew sees this any differently from the rest of us. I do think it is worthwhile writing him to see if he would be willing to consider a slight revision on that point.

The supplementary document for the Rockefeller Brothers Fund (which Nat submitted as a quarterly report) was a very impressive account of the Arkansas Council's activities and their significance. As I have good reason to know, this kind of interpretation is extraordinarily hard to do successfully. I am glad to hear, through Nat via Fred, that things are looking up a bit for the Arkansas Council. I do hope that you all will resist the natural feelings of discouragement that so tough a situation is bound to produce.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosure - 1 (Manuscript - Thomas Pettigrew)

January 27, 1958

Mr. Bem Price
The Associated Press
Star Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bem:

I was talking with Wilma Stokely the other day, and we were bemourning the general lack of attention given by the Southern papers to Neither Black Nor White, the book written by her and her husband. It is one of the few things that have given some flavor of the positive potentialities within the South. I suggested that she send you a copy, with the thought that you might be able to do yourself or promote somebody else's doing a review for AP. This may be completely unworkable, but at least you should enjoy reading the book.

Margaret tells me that you are now an expert on outer space and missiles, guided and unguided. I am about ready to volunteer for the first trip. Tell Margaret I received her good letter, and she will hear more from me soon.

All the best from all the Flemings.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 27, 1958

Mr. Jai Deva Prsad, M.L.C.
Dariya Pur, Pakipore,
Patna-4
Bihar, India

Dear Mr. Prsad:

Thank you for your letter of January 22. You are on the complimentary mailing list for New South and received a renewal notice through a clerical error. Which is to say that you will continue to receive our publication with our compliments. I am delighted that you find it useful in interpreting Southern race relations to your countrymen, and I hope you will feel free to ask for any additional information that we can usefully supply.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 27, 1958

Mrs. Hazel Brannon Smith
THE LEXINGTON ADVERTISER
Lexington, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Smith:

I don't believe I have sent you a copy of the material with which we have circularized the important agencies concerned with human relations. Enclosed is a complete copy. It is a little too soon to appraise the results. So far we have received word from the AFSC of one $50 contribution, and several requests for additional copies of the material for confidential circulation to other interested parties who might want to help.

As I hope we made clear, this is completely experimental, and none of us can be sure that the results will be significant. I do think it will be helpful for all of these people to realize the extent of your efforts in the face of great odds.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Hazel Brannon Smith Appeal Material)

January 27, 1958

Miss Harriett Evison
Assistant Secretary
William C. Whitney Foundation
20 Broad Street
New York 5, New York

Dear Miss Evison:

This is just to let you know that we have returned the statement to Price Waterhouse and Company, confirming the 1957 payments as shown.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 27, 1958

Mr. Sylvan Meyer
Editor
THE DAILY TIMES
Gainesville, Georgia

Dear Sylvan:

I greatly appreciated you thinking of me in connection with the annual meeting of the Southern Niemans. I have waited this long to do anything about it because I continued to hope that I would be able to make it against the odds. Unfortunately, the odds have proved too great and I will have to miss both the meeting and the Mardi Gras. I know it will be a highly successful occasion.

I read your manuscript on the "Middle Man" from beginning to end with unabated interest. It is full of sharp insights, pithily expressed, and I hope your agent will be able to find the right outlet for it. The form is unconventional by magazine standards, and it occurs to me that you might arm your agent - if you haven't already - with justification for it. The point, as I see it, is that this whole business is so complex and contradictory that the usual slick development inevitably distorts and over simplifies. What I liked best about the piece was the way you avoided any attempt to synthesize all the parts into one gelatinous whole.

I will hang onto the manuscript if I may.

I hope we will be together again soon. Meanwhile, all the best to you and Ann.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 27, 1958

Dr. A. C. Miller
Executive Secretary
The Christian Life Commission of the
Southern Baptist Convention
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Miller:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 22. I can readily understand why you feel that you cannot accept the invitation to membership on the Council at this time. The important thing is for you to be able to continue the able and devoted work you are doing for the Christian Life Commission. This strengthens all of us, and I do want you to know that we are sensitive to the very heavy load you are carrying.

We will continue to look forward to every occasion that brings us together.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 27, 1958

Dr. Harold C. Letts
Secretary for Social Action
The Board of Social Missions of the
United Lutheran Church in America
231 Madison Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Dr. Letts:

Thank you for your letter of January 21 confirming the schedule for the Leadership School on Human Relations. I have made plane reservations which will put me in Charlotte at 4:18 P. M., February 4th and will call for departure at 6:30 P. M. on the 5th. On arrival, I will proceed to the meeting place.

I am looking forward to being with you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 27, 1958

Mr. James R. Sydnor
Department of Music
The General Assembly's Training School
Presbyterian Church, U. S.
3400 Brook Road
Richmond 27, Virginia

Dear Mr. Sydnor:

Thank you for your letter of January 24 forwarding your subscription to New South. It was thoughtful of you to write us as you did. Your words of encouragement mean a great deal to us.

With appreciation and all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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January 28, 1958

Mr. George Allen
South West School of Business
Ross Avenue and Flora Street
Dallas, Texas

My dear Mr. Allen:

My short visit to Dallas a month ago came at a most inopportune time. I am, therefore, very much in your debt for the courtesies you extended at your office, the arrangements you made for hotel accommodations and for the contacts you made with persons I wanted to see. The trip would have been completely fruitless without your help.

Mrs. Bonita Valien is planning a follow-up to my visit in the next few weeks, probably February 12-18. Although she has friends in Dallas she prefers to stay at the Lane Hotel. I am taking the liberty of imposing upon you again by asking that you make a reservation for her at the hotel, beginning February 11.

Income tax time is a busy period for you, I know. But if there is any possibility for Mrs. Valien to use your establishment as an operation base we will be glad to pay for the inconvenience occasioned.

Sincerely,

C. H. Parrish
Program Associate

CHP:lec

P.S. Mrs. Valien is the wife of Dr. Preston Valien, Fisk University. She is consultant for the Southern School News, the author of The St. Louis Story and a contributor to the volume - Schools in Transition. C.H.P.

January 28, 1958

Mrs. Ralph T. Wilson
Laurens, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Here is an emergency errand I am asking you to do for me and the Fellowship of the Concerned. Please get me two registration blanks that voters have to use in South Carolina. I would appreciate it if you would rush these to me. When I see you I will tell you why I need them.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

DT:lec

Dorothy Tilly

January 28, 1958

Mr. Richard Hocking
1146 Lullwater Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Richard:

Because I will be out of the city for a few days I am sending you the draft of Mrs. Tilly's proposal to the Ella Lyman Cabot Trust. She would welcome your suggestions in this matter, and a visit from you to our offices.

My own thinking is that Harold Fleming should write an accompanying letter giving his personal and professional judgment of the value of such a program and also a bit of biographical data on Mrs. Tilly.

We would be prepared to aid Mrs. Tilly in sending out copies of this proposal and such supporting material as you deem advisable to the various members of the Trust. We all feel that this is a tremendous opportunity and that her suggestion for tackling one of those tasks that has long needed attention is meritorious.

Thanks so much for your interest and concern.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosure.

EFV:fcl

January 28, 1958

A Proposal to the Ella Lyman Cabot Trust from Mrs. M. E. Tilly.

This is to ask the Ella Lyman Cabot Trust to consider a one-year grant of $5,000 to make possible a program of special assistance to church people in five deep South states. In effect this request is for five separate grants of $1,000 each, which would enable five church women to to devote a major portion of their time to the urgently needed program outlined below.

The unique role of church women in advancing recognition of equal human dignity in the South has long since been demonstrated and accepted. It has been evident since the early 'twenties through the work of the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation, the Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching, and more recently the Fellowship of the Concerned, an informal association of church women serviced by the Southern Regional Council.

Today, more than ever before, the leavening influence of courageous, deeply motivated church women is needed within the religious life of the South. Our region is faced with a tremendous challenge -- to redefine the status of its Negro citizens as required by the Supreme Court's segregation decisions. Unfortunately, in the deep South particularly, outmoded but powerful political systems, deep-seated prejudices, and traditional economic patterns have combined to prevent the emergence of moderate leadership on this question. Even within the churches, these negative forces, reinforced by strong pressures, have stunted the positive local leadership that normally is to be expected on a moral issue of this kind. A relatively small group of courageous ministers and laymen and a larger group of dedicated church women represent the hope of the churches in meeting this crisis of

conscience. These women, because of their devotion to principle and their relative freedom from the practical pressures which affect the men in our society, play a vital part in interpreting the moral questions to their congregations and to the community at large.

The object of the proposal is to make possible the part-time program services of a well qualified church woman in Alabama, South Carolina, Florida, Mississippi, and Louisiana. The funds would be used to pay modest stipends and travel expenses for a dedicated, able, and respected church woman in each of these states, to bring leadership and inspiration to other church women, ministers, and religious lay leaders in the communities within their states. In each of these states there is one or more persons eminently suitable to carry on this function. In South Carolina, for example, I can secure the services of a former president of the United Church Women of the state and former president of the state Parent-Teacher Association. Such a person would bring influence and dignity as well as guidance to those local church groups which request her help. The women who would carry on the work in the other four states are of comparable stature and ability.

This approach to the mobilization of religious forces in the South is not a new conception. Similar effort has been carried on for many years at the regional and state levels, through the Fellowship of the Concerned. The proposed program, however, would newly make possible the intensive application of this method community by community in the states included. This objective can only be accomplished by releasing the dedication and skills of leadership persons in each of the states.

The functions envisioned for these church women are: (i) arrange conferences on the state and community levels of the two races and three faiths; (ii) on invitation, serve as coordinators of the interests and ac-

tivities of religious groups and others who express a desire to work constructively in race relations; (iii) work closely with local church women to lessen tensions and violence where such occurrences threaten; and, (iv) counsel with local ministers, officials and community leaders, encouraging these individuals to lend their support to improved community relations.

Space does not permit a detailed account of the plans for this work, though I shall be happy to supply more information if it is desired. These plans do, however, rest on long experience with and a deep faith in the accomplishments of the church women of the South.

The proposed budget for this program well illustrates the amount of devotion which would be put into the work. The $5,000 requested would be applied at $1,000 per state for a period of one year. Of this amount, $50 per month would represent compensation for the churchwoman, and the remaining $400 per year would be applied to travel expenses. Neither of these budgetary designations should be considered in its ordinary usage. The remuneration of $50 per month would actually represent the cost of twice-a-week maid service for each of the women who would be away from home a great deal. The $400 travel allowance would be used for the most modest and immediate travel needs, such as bus and train fares, seldom representing overnight lodging, meals, and the other more costly expenses. No allocation is requested for Georgia, since these functions are now covered in my own work with the help of several volunteers, financed by the Southern Regional Council.

In no way would these funds be used to assist the general operating budget of the Southern Regional Council. Nor would these funds in any way assist special projects now being carried on by the Council, including my own work with women.

I sincerely hope that the Ella Lyman Cabot Trust will enable us to render this service.

January 28, 1958

Miss Alice Kirkland
821 Temple Avenue
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Miss Kirkland:

In answer to your letter of January 24th, we are enclosing a list of desegregated institutions of higher education in the South. You will note that there are two sections; additional colleges in Tennessee are listed on the last sheet.

Three of Tennessee's 141 public shool districts (elementary and secondary levels) have desegregated. They are:

1. Anderson County (Clinton)
2. Nashville (1st grade level)
3. Oak Ridge (Anderson County)

Catholic schools have also desegregated in Nashville. It is possible that other private schools below the college level are now integrated; we are, however, only able to document the Nashville parochial schools.

We hope this information will be of use to you.

Sincerely yours,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

Enclosure, DESEGREGATING WHITE INSTITUTIONS

January 28, 1958

Mrs. J. A. Burt
1815 Enterprise Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Burt:

Here is an emergency errand I am asking you to do for me and the Fellowship of the Concerned. Please get me two registration blanks that voters have to use in Mississippi. I would appreciate it if you would rush these to me. When I see you I will tell you why I need them.

I hope you and yours are well. You know always I am interested in all four of you.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

DT:lec

Dorothy Tilly

January 29, 1958

Mrs. George McCaskey
1526 Second Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. McCaskey:

Here is an emergency errand I am asking you to do for me and the Fellowship of the Concerned. Please get me two registration blanks that voters have to use in Louisiana. I would appreciate it if you would rush these to me. When I see you I will tell you why I need them.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Tilly

DT:lec

January 29, 1958

The Reverend Francis J. Burkley
724 Camp Street
New Orleans 44, Louisiana

Dear Father Burkley:

True to my promise, I am sending you the full list of those who attended the Arden House Conference.

I do want to thank you for your consideration of me on our return trip to New York. It was a delightful experience for me. It is good to draw strength from a person devoted to the building of the kingdom.

Here is a request that I hope in some way you might find it possible to fulfill. At the present we are gathering together facts that should be presented to the Department of Justice. I need two registration forms used by new voters from your state. If you have someone you could send to the registrar's office in New Orleans, and get these for me I would be most grateful. I doubt if I wrote for them in the name of Southern Regional Council or in fact from out of state, that the registrar would be willing to send them to me.

With the best of wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:lec
Encl.

January 29, 1958

Mrs. W. Sweeny
Freedom House
Willkie Memorial Building
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mrs. Sweeny:

Thank you so much for sending me the list of those who attended our Arden House Conference. You may be sure this list will be held by me in confidence.

I am delighted that I met you and had the pleasant association with you. The conference itself, was most stimulating. As soon as I can find time I will write my thanks and evaluation to Mr. George Field.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

MET:lec

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

January 29, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: Paul Anthony

From: Emory F. Via

Re: AFSC Job Opportunity Program.

Please make reservations for dinner and a continuing evening meeting at AU for a group to consult with AFSC regarding their Job Opportunity Program on February 24, 1958. I would estimate 12 persons. We will also need a meeting place during the day, but this could be done in SRC conference room if available and then move out to AU.

Thanks so much.

P.S. February 24 is the day preceding the inter-agency meeting.

January 30, 1958

Mr. Wilton Dillon
Executive Secretary
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Wilton:

Thanks for your letter of January 20.

Mr. Nquku did not appear in Atlanta this week. He must either have changed his schedule or found himself over blessed with contacts here. If he should appear later on, we will do everything we can to assist him.

I expect to be in New York again on February 14th and possibly for a day or two preceeding. If my plans jell soon enough, I will drop you another note. In any case, I hope we will have a chance to get together while I am there.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

original ltr returned to HCF

January 30, 1958

Mr. John J. Scanlon
Deputy Director of Research
The Fund for the Advancement of
Education
477 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear John:

It is good to hear from you again. I will be glad to do everything I can to assist Dr. Tingsten when he reaches Atlanta. If he should call from New Orleans, I am prepared to suggest several people in Mississippi whom he would find it rewarding to talk with. I hope to see you again soon. Meanwhile, all best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 30, 1958

Mr. C. H. Yarrow
Director
Rights of Conscience Program
American Friends Service Committee
Twenth South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mike:

Many thanks for your letter of January 22 and the enclosure acknowledging Mr. Dreyfous' congribution. It is encouraging to know that the appeal is getting some response.

I have had requests for additional copies of the material from several organizations that want to call the matter to the attention of potential contributors.

I can readily understand the limitation on your acknowledgment of these contributions, and I think the letter you have written Mr. Dreyfous handles the matter very well.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Sent separately Hazel 12 copies Brannon Smith appeal material

January 30, 1958

Dr. John A. Morsell
Assistant to the Executive Secretary
N. A. A. C. P.
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear John:

Many thanks for your letter of January 22 expressing your willingness to help secure contributions for Hazel Brannon Smith. Enclosed are the copies of the material which you asked for. I am sure your distribution of them will be most helpful.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Originals returned to HCF

Sent under separate cover: 12 copies "The Negro Voter..."

January 30, 1958

Mr. W. Wilson White
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. White:

Thank you for your two recent letters. In response to the last one, I am sending you separately twelve (12) copies of our report, The Negro Voter in the South.

We have little in the way of more recent information on Negro suffrage at the moment. In cooperation with other organizations, however, we are instituting some fact gathering efforts which should yield results that would be of interest to the Civil Rights Division. I shall make sure that all of the information we get in this field is passed on promptly to you, and I am placing your name on our complimentary mailing list for New South and other publications of the Council. If you find yourself in need of information which you feel that this organization might be able to furnish or readily secure, please feel free to call on me at any time. We wish you much success in your efforts and assure you of our dedire to cooperate in every way.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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January 30, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: Paul Anthony

From: Emory F. Via

Re: Southern Inter-agency group meeting

E. T. (Al) Kehrer, Southeastern Regional Director, ILGWU, 1489 Gordon Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia, will be the JLC's representative to the Southern Inter-agency group. Please send him notice of the up-coming meeting.

January 30, 1958

Mr. Nelson Poynter
Editor
ST. PETERSBURG TIMES
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dear Mr. Poynter:

At the direction of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, it is my pleasant duty to invite you to membership on the Council's governing body.

To this invitation from the Board I should like to add my personal hope that we may count on your acceptance. There has never been a time when we needed wiser or more devoted leadership than now. Your experience and commitment in this field will give your service special value to the Council in these demanding times.

I am enclosing materials which describe the aims, background, and current activities of the Council. If you would like further information on any point, please don't hesitate to call on me.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Enclosures - 3.

January 30, 1958

Mr. Cornelius C. Tarplee
Associate Secretary
Division of Christian Citizenship
The National Council of the Protestant
Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Neil:

Thank you very much for remembering to send me the information on Melvin Tumin's survey report in the Princeton Alumni Weekly. The findings about the importance of denominational affiliation are interesting, if perplexing. From the quotation, it is still not clear whether Catholics or Jews are included in this category, but we will undertake to get the full article for our information and files.

Congratulations on the good news that your program is secure for the year. We will be hoping that the three-year extension comes through.

I am looking forward to seeing you again in February.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 30, 1958

Mr. Arthur J. Levin, Area Director
Anti-Defamation League
41 Exchange Place, S.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Art:

I wish to send you and staff my sincere regrets at not being able to attend the joint SRC-ADL luncheon. It is a worthy idea and I much wish that I could be with all of you. Out of town business will prevent my attendance.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

January 30, 1958

Mrs. Jessie D. Ames
The Wren's Nest
Tyron, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Ames:

It was a delightful surprise to receive a note from you. Yes we are still attempting to carry on the work of bringing the woman leadership together in the South, to serve the new problems as they arise.

It is a somewhat rather different plan from the old. From the denominational headquarters come the names of the women to be called. This include women of all the main protestant denominations, Negro and white, also they come from three Jewish women organizations and the Catholic Rural Committee Cooperates of the South. You can see, the leaders change from year to year, but these women have the same courage and the same eagerness to face the problems of these days.

The Southern Regional Council does work in other phases at the grass roots. We work with several state organizations under Mr. Fred Routh and Dr. C. H. Parrish. Dr. Parrish just works part time. He is a teacher at the University of Louisville, the first Negro ever put on the staff. The work does very well in all the states, except right now in Mississippi. This comes from lack of stamina and leadership. The Council is progressing very well under the leadership of Mr. Harold Fleming. He is beginning to be recognized over the nation, and we here at home think he was just made for the director's place.

The Woman's Division certainly surprised me, as never in their history have they ever made an award to anyone. The particular occasion was the tenth anniversary of the President's Committee on Civil Rights.

(continued)

I think about you and Lulu and Mary a great deal. Just where is Lulu? I heard that Mary is married and lives in Texas.

I saw the Stokelys at a meeting at Arden House, Harriman, New York. They told me what a delightful time they had interviewing you.

Josephine Wilkins is still very active in many things. Mrs. Heyman is head of our U. N. chapter. I do not see Rebecca Gershon often and I suppose you know Mrs. Underwood died last year. I believe that is about all the news I have to give you about the old crowd.

With the best of wishes to you always, I remain

Sincerely,

DT:lec

Dorothy Tilly

(Signed in Mrs. Tilly's absence)

January 30, 1958

Miss Natalie Foster
Assistant to the Producers
Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc.
485 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Foster:

Thanks for your letter of January 22 concerning prints of "The Lady from Philadelphia". We very much hope that the film may be available for program use in the South and we appreciate your efforts to make it possible.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

CONFIDENTIAL

January 30, 1958

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thanks for your recent letters and material. I am returning herewith those items that you wanted back.

Our Executive Committee met yesterday and discussed the problems which the South Carolina Council is confronting. At the end of this rather full consideration, in which Mr. Dabbs described the situation, the Executive Committee agreed on the following policy; if the South Carolina Council finds it necessary to scale down its operation to one professional and one clerical person, aid from the Southern Regional Council for the remaining two quarters of this fiscal year will be reduced from the rate of $5,000 per annum to $4,000 per annum.

As you know, $4,000 is the amount of annual aid being given to most of the state groups, on the basis of an operation involving one professional and one clerical staff person. The larger amount was allocated to South Carolina in consideration of its efforts to continue employing two professionals.

Therefore, the Executive Committee felt that it would not be equitable to continue the larger amount of aid to South Carolina if its structure became the same as that of other state groups receiving $4,000. Of course, if the South Carolina Council finds a way to continue bi-racial professional staffing - not through consultants but through regularly employed persons - the present arrangement may continue undisturbed.

I do want to make it clear that this action in no way implied any criticism of adverse judgment of the South Carolina Council by the Executive Committee. The members present were fully cognizant of the difficulty of maintaining two professional staff members with the funds available. The action was taken only in consideration of fair and equitable treatment of all state groups receiving aid from SRC.

We will await word from you on final action taken at your forthcoming policy meeting and will be guided accordingly.

You have our best wishes for a satisfactory resolution of these problems.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCR/mf
Enclosures - 2.
cc: Mr. Courtney Siceloff

January 30, 1958

Honorable William P. Rogers
Attorney General
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Attorney General:

I would like very much to have a conference with you concerning our Southern problems. I could be in Washington between February 12 and 15, if it would be convenient to you to see me. If so, I would appreciate it if you would write the hour and day best suited to you.

You will see from this letterhead that I am on the staff of the Southern Regional Council, working with the women of the South. (I served on President Truman's Civil Rights Committee in 1947.)

Our several Southern States, disturbed that the recent civil rights legislation passed by Congress may increase the Negro vote, are in the process of making voters' registration so slanted that Negroes will find it difficult to meet the requirements. I would like to bring you some of the evidence of this.

Our political leaders rather openly say such legislation "will not hold but will delay" -- which, of course, means expensive law suits for both our states and the Negro refused registration.

Firmly believing that the Southern women must be the interpreters and shock observers of social change, each year even before World War II, the Southwide leaders of the various Protestant denominations (Negro and white), Jewish and Catholic also, have come together to face our Southern problems. We had a meeting last week and out of it came the request that I seek an interview with the Department of Justice, which I hope will be possible.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Rogers Tilly
Director of Women's Work

DRT/mf

January 30, 1958

Mr. Will D. Campbell
Natinnal Council of Churches
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

At our recent planning session of Atlanta interagency folk, the question of the proposed inter-religious conference was discussed. Ed Driscoll called the attention of the group to a forthcoming meeting which might lead to comparable plans. The group felt you should have Driscoll's information, recognizing that you may know all about this impending meeting. In any case, here is a copy of the invitation letter that went to some selected ministers.

Yours for more duplication of effort,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Ltr. from W. M. Elliott, Jr. to Lester Rumble - Jan. 20, 1958)

January 30, 1958

Mr. Alan Reitman
Assistant Director
American Civil Liberties Union
170 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Alan:

Here are the copies of the Hazel Brannon Smith material which you asked for. We appreciate you calling this case to the attention of concerned and influential people.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 6 (Hazel Brannon Smith Appeal Material)

January 30, 1958

Mr. Herbert M. Davidson
Editor
Daytona Beach News Journal
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Herbert:

Recalling the concern you expressed at the Annual Meeting about our failure to budget for state aid in the last quarter of 1958, I thought you would like to know of an action taken by the Executive Committee yesterday. We had reviewed our financial status and prospects and concluded that we might now budget $10,000 additional for such aid in the last quarter of this year. The Executive Committee agreed with this staff recommendation and adopted the proposed budget revision.

Of course, before October 1, 1958, we must renegotiate the terms and amount of further aid to each of the state groups requesting it.

I should also like to take this occasion to ask a favor of you. On the instruction of the Executive Committee, I have written Nelson Poynter as enclosed. If you would write him a letter supporting the invitation to Council membership, we should be grateful.

Warm regards to you and Liliane.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1

January 30, 1958

Mr. Duncan Hunter
First Methodist Church
Semmes and Green Streets
Alexander City, Alabama

Dear Duncan:

Recalling that you expressed an interest in having a copy of our analysis of prospective income for 1958, I am sending the enclosed. It was intended to sound optimistic, and so it does.

I find that both Fred and I will be away on February 15. Therefore, I have asked Paul Anthony to represent the SRC staff at the Alabama Council's annual meeting. Paul is fully informed on our policies and activities and makes a very able presentation, if that should be called for. Talking with Bob Hughes this morning about another matter, I gave him this information.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Financial Analysis - 1958)

January 30, 1958

Mr. Robert Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
1218 Comer Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Enclosed is the biography of Mr. Dabbs as requested from Harold earlier today. I would like to have this back if you have no permanent need for it.

Look forward to seeing you at Talladega on the 15th.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1.

January 30, 1958

The Honorable William P. Rogers
Attorney General
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Mrs. M. E. Tilly of our staff has advised me of her letter to you seeking an interview in mid-February. I should like merely to add a word of hope that you will find it possible to see her.

Mrs. Tilly has for many years been an outstanding figure among Southern church women and religious leaders. Working in recent years under the auspices of the Southern Regional Council, she has united their efforts, across denominational lines, to secure equal justice and opportunity for all. We feel it is a most significant development that representatives of the various women's religious groups in the South are now considering concentrated effort in the field of registration and voting.

I am sure that a discussion of this interest with you by Mrs. Tilly will be of benefit both to the church women of the South and to the Department of Justice.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 31, 1958

Dr. Riley B. Montgomery
The College of the Bible
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Montgomery:

The name "J. P." Anthony may or may not mean anything to you. However, as a current staff member of the Southern Regional Council and as a former student of Lynchburg College (1944-"47), it was with pleasure (and a considerable measure of pride) that I learned of the recent action of our Executive Committee.

I am among the many who have long admired your numerous contributions to the field of human understanding. Therefore, to the official invitation of this Committee I would like to add my personal wish that you join this group of distinguished and sincere Southerners. The demands on your energies and time would be few. However, I believe the contributions you could make to the group, and to the cause they represent, would be many.

The occasion of this letter has given me opportunity to recall the numerous vital and forward steps which Lynchburg College took under your direction in the field of human relations. I readily admit that at the time not all of these steps seemed either "vital" or "forward." However, age and moderation have long since abolished such "naivete"!

With all best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs

Thanks

January 31, 1958

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Here is our effort at something suitable to submit to the Chace Fund. As you would expect from the speed at which we prepared it, it embodies much of the material used in earlier fund applications.

Paul Anthony drafted the covering letter for your signature, but we want to emphasize that it's only to suggest some of the things that might be mentioned. If you feel like doing it, it might be better to write your own letter to Mr. Evans, since you have some personal acquaintance with him.

In any case, feel free to return to us a re-draft of your letter to Mr. Evans, and to indicate any changes that you feel should be made in the application itself. We are hoping that you will have a chance to talk with Mr. Evans about this when you are in Philadelphia soon.

It was good to have you with us the other day, and I am looking forward to seeing you

again soon.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Enclosures

sP. S. We want to send more copies of the application, so please return the whole business to us and we will get it off.

H. C. F.

A PROPOSAL
TO THE CHACE FUND
FROM THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

January 31, 1958

This is a request that the Chace Fund consider a three-year period of assistance to the work of the Southern Regional Council. In order that this proposal not be unreasonably long, materials describing the Council's history, aims, and activities in some detail are attached. The object here will be to set forth the reasons why we believe the Chace Fund will feel this request is justified, the specific amounts asked for and their relationship to the total financial needs of the Council.

The Situation in the South

So much has been written about race relations in the South that a lengthy essay here would be uncalled-for. We should like to make it clear, however, that the Council takes no despairing view of the prospects in the South. Tremendous historical forces - moral, economic, social, and political - are pressing toward an integrated society. Resistance in parts of the region is powerful and can have catastrophic consequences. But the basic direction of the transition is irreversible. The important questions for any given part of the region are: When? How? At what cost to the human beings involved and to the local, state, and national welfare?

Heartening progress toward integration has been made in the five Border states and the District of Columbia, in Kentucky, in western Texas, and in a few scattered spots in Arkansas, North Carolina, and Tennessee. These areas have provided more than enough evidence that desegregation of schools and other facilities can and does work well, given the necessary leadership.

Unfortunately, in the rest of the South there has been a resolidifying of old attitudes, largely engineered by the political leadership. Defiance is manifested not only in official actions and utterances directed at the Supreme Court and its decisions, but also in punitive measures against individuals and groups who favor a positive or even a more realistic course of action.

Accompanying this official posture have been the growth of the White Citizens Councils and other resistance movements, serious problems in the churches and the labor movement, the deterioration of political campaigns, and in general conformity or silence by many of the responsible elements of the South. The example set by state office-holders and others in high places has stirred excitable rank-and-file Southerners to violence in several instances -

even in parts of Arkansas, Tennessee, and Texas, where integration should have been expected to proceed without a ripple.

Any adequate appraisal of these negative factors must take into account the great concentration of power available to the extreme pro-segregation forces in the Deep South. This includes virtually all of the state and local controlling institutions - governors and attorneys-general, legislatures and state created commissions, many grand juries, most of the state and local law enforcement agencies, most Southern congressmen and senators, and, under vigilante pressure, many influential private institutions such as newspapers, business organizations, civic clubs, and the like.

All of this has presented grave problems in national and international terms. The impact of the "Southern revolt" on the prestige of the United States abroad, particularly among Asians and Africans, is of great concern to very thoughtful American. Domestically, the assaults on the authority of the Supreme Court, on respect for law and order, and on recognition of the rights of minority-group citizens are major threats to the national welfare. Pre-segregation laws and administrative actions in the South have seriously eroded such basic civil liberties as freedom of speech, association, and the right to due process of law.

The Role of the Southern Regional Council

This situation imposes a tremendous responsibility on the Southern Regional Council. As the only wholly Southern interracial group with long experience, professional skills, and reputation in the field of race relations, it has had to operate on a broader and more effective scale than ever before, recognizing that it is dealing with causes and effects that are nationwide in scope. The Council's task has included but gone far beyond the stimulation of purely local action. We have felt it essential to assume more leadership in educating and rallying these regional - and sometimes national - forces whose action or inaction at this time is critical.

Lest this sound presumptuous, we hasten to add that we have no illusions that the Council is a causative force, or even, in itself, a powerful one in this vast transition. Its effectiveness must be judged in terms of the strategic importance of its activities in contested situations where the right program at the right time can make a decisive difference. Examples would be the timely release last summer of the Council's findings on Negro suffrage, the support of consultant services to community leadership

vacillating between a forward and a backward course, and other activities described in the attached material.

The main functions of the Council may be briefly summed up as follows:

1. State Human Relations Councils. -- The Southern Regional Council has devoted a large part of its resources in the past three years to the creation of staffed interracial organizations in ten of the Southern states. Working against great odds, these state groups have provided instruments through which white and Negro Southerners can express their common belief in a democratic society and work for its achievement at the local and state levels. The Council continues to give both program assistance and financial aid to the state councils.

2. Interagency Cooperation. -- The Council has already, of necessity, assumed a greatly increased responsibility for coorindation and clearinghouse work with other agencies. This has been in response to the expressed wishes and requests of a number of organizations, including the social action departments of the major religious denominations active in the South, the several Jewish agencies concerned with human relations, the trade unions, and such groups as the American Friends Service Committee, the NAACP, the YMCA, and the YWCA. The Council has four times served as convener of thirty of these agencies for the sharing of ideas and joint program planning. At their request, the Council has also coordinated their concerted field efforts.

3. National Communication. -- The Council has played a central part in the newly formed national Consultative Conference on Desegregation. Through this association and other channels, we have greatly increased communication and cooperation between enlightened Southerners and national forces concerned with desegregation.

The Council is called upon by various departments of the Federal Government for interpretation of Southern problems and for specially assembled information, made possible through our fact-finding program. For example, the Department of Justice requested and was given the complete raw findings of the Council's special survey on the status of Negro suffrage in the South.

4. Interpretation through the Press. -- One of the main assets of the Council has always been its reputation with the press, Southern and national, as a dependable and authoritative source of information about all aspects of race relations in the South. The Council and its parent

organization have served as a repository of such information since 1919. Many Southern editors and newspapers whose policies on racial matters are directly opposed to the Council are accustomed to relying without question on the Council's information services. This function too has greatly increased and continues to grow with each passing day. It is no exaggeration to say that the Council now serves in this way virtually all of the major national publications and a great many Southern ones. To the newspapers must be added a growing list of radio and television programs.

5. The Consultant Service Program. -- Established as a service to the Council's state affiliates, this program has greatly broadened its scope and usefulness. Within the limit of resources, we are undertaking to make special consultants available to public or private leadership in Southern communities with outstanding problems or opportunities. Within recent months, for example, upon official invitation, the Council has made available the consultative services of a Kentucky county school superintendent, who successfully carried out desegregation, to a local school board in North Carolina beginning quietly to plan for such a change.

6. Victims of Pressure and Reprisal. -- The Council has been heavily concerned with the difficulties of individuals and groups that have undergone abuse, ostracism, and sometimes violence in the segregation controversy. We have helped victims of economic reprisal to secure financial help through such programs as the "Rights of Conscience" project of the American Friends Service Committee. We have helped ministers and teachers, discharged for their dissenting views, to find new positions. We have worked with the interracial community at Koinonia Farm in its efforts to get support and legal counsel that would enable it to continue in Americus, Georgia. Beleaguered newspaper editors have also turned to the Council for advice and aid. We are deeply concerned about the impact of hostility and violence on the children, white and Negro, in the forefront of desegregation. Through the investigations of Dr. Kenneth Clark, we are seeking to improve our understanding of the adverse effects of these experiences, and ways in which they can be minimized.

7. Work with Labor. -- Under a special arrangement, the Council has recently acquired the services of a well-qualified staff member bearing the title of Labor Consultant. This staff member's function is to serve as a resource and liaison person with the unions in the South, which held great promise as an important influence for progress in race relations. Although this position was initially established on a temporary basis, it has already yielded such fruitful results that it has been continued as part of the regular staff structure.

8. Other Functions. -- All of the important activities that the Council has regularly carried on are being expanded and intensified to the limit of resources as the demands on the Council mount. In this category are the work with church women and other women's groups, the maintenance of comprehensive reference files to service a stream of information requests, the distribution of program materials, and the briefing of foreign visitors travelling in the South under the auspices of the State Department and other public and private sponsors.

We do not wish to imply that the Council feels that it has achieved any fixed or final formula for its efforts in the South during the period ahead. As recent experience has made all too clear, the situation is volatile in the extreme. Any realistic approach in this area must be firmly grounded in recognition of the need for constant reassessment and flexibility. We do feel that we have achieved an orientation, a structure, and a range of staff skills sufficiently versatile to render a major service in this critical period.

Financial Analysis

It need hardly be explained that raising funds for the kind of work carried on by the Council is more difficult in the South today than ever before. At a time when the need for expanded activities is critical, an unprecedented amount of new support must be secured.

Through a generous terminal grant from the Fund for the Republic, the Council has in hand approximately one-third of its minimum budget for the next three years. Even so, this leaves an aggregate total of some $400,000 to be raised from other sources. At the end of this proposal is a budget which shows the dimensions of this task for 1958.

We are proposing a three-year grant period for two reasons. First, in our opinion the next three years will be crucial in determining the future pattern of race relations in the South. Despite the tension and difficulties of the last few years, the situation has not yet crystallized; it will do so as further court decisions and the possible spread of violence bring the issues to a head. Thus what is done or not done during the next three years will probably set the framework in which the longer-range working out of desegregation will take place. If this is true, it clearly follows that this is the period in which to make the most effective contribution of which this organization is capable.

Second, we earnestly believe that sound program planning and able staffing demand a stable financial base for a substantial period ahead. The Council is fortunate in having a remarkably devoted and well-qualified staff, but we cannot expect to hold such people or to make maximum use of their skills if the financial structure of the organization is not secure for a reasonable future period.

In the light of the budgetary needs presented, we hope that the Chace Fund will favorably consider a grant to the Council of $5,000 for 1958, and a prospect of additional support in the amounts of $5,000 during 1959 and 1960, respectively. Naturally we should expect grants for the latter two years to be contingent on a satisfactory showing of performance by the Council at the beginning of each new grant year.

January 31, 1958

Dr. Riley B. Montgomery
The College of the Bible
Lexington, Kentucky

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With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Enclosures - 3.

Committee cc

VIA AIR MAIL January 31, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
The New World Foundation
120 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

The logical cities to visit, in addition to Durham, would be Charlotte and Richmond. If you had enough time, I would also suggest a side trip to one of the more typical Deep South cities, such as Montgomery, Birmingham, and Columbia, South Carolina.

While you are in Durham, I very much hope that you will see John Wheeler, President, Mechanics and Farmers Bank. He is a member of our board and one of the ablest and most influential Negro businessmen in the South. Another good and well-informed person is McCleod Bryan, who has long been active in race relations efforts, and is on the faculty of the Duke Divinity School.

Charlotte has a great many people of long experience in race relations activity. Harry Jones, Executive Director of the North Carolina Council on Human Relations, has his office at 121 East Third Street, Room 209. Raymond Wheeler, a physician, Doctors Building, is chairman of the North Carolina Council and a very good man. C. A. McKnight, editor of the Charlotte Observer, was the first director of the Southern Education Reporting Service and is doing a fine job with that paper.

Boyd Payton, Southern Regional Director, Textile Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO, is an enlightened and well-informed labor leader. You probably have heard of Harry Golden, editor of the Carolina Israelite; his wit and wisdom have madeehim a liberal force. Finally, Dr. Herman L. Counts, dean of the Theological School at Johnson C. Smith University, is the father of Dorothy Counts, who had such a rough time as the first Negro in Harding High School and ultimately had to withdraw; Dr. Counts is a thoughtful and dedicated man with whom you would enjoy talking.

As for Richmond, I would limit my recommendation to John R. Marion, executive director of the Virginia Council on Human Relations. Jack is a Presbyterian minister who has spent most of his adult life in social action work and is one of the leading professional figures in this field. He could put you in touch with as many different kinds of people as you might want to see while you are in Richmond.

I hope these suggestions will be of some help to you in making yourrtravel plans.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 31, 1958

Mr. Elliott M. Sanger, Jr.
Asst. Promotion Manager
The New York Times
Times Square
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Sanger:

Thank you for your letter of January 27, and your permission to reprint the New York Times Magazine article. Proper credit will be given.

Again thanks.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

January 31, 1958

Mr. R. E. Van Der Ross
Battswood Training College
Wynberg, Cape
UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

Dear Mr. Van Der Ross:

Thank you for your letter of January 27. It is always good to hear from persons who have visited us here at the office.

As to your inquiry concerning possible sources, I suggest that you might try your hand with some of the more liberal magazines here rather than with newspapers. I doubt that the newspapers would be overly interested in this type of service.

However, there are several good little magazines which might be interested in such a service. These include The Progressive, 408 Gorham, Madison, Wisconsin; The New Republic, 1244 Nineteenth Street, S. W., Washington 6, D. C., The Nation, 333 Sixth Avenue, New York 14, New York, The New Leader, 34 N. Crystal Street, E. Stroudsbury, Pennsylvania; and The ~~Republic~~, 136 E. 57th Street, New York 22, New York.

Reporter

I suggest you write to these magazines concerning your ideas. If possible you might include a sample of some of your work.

Hoping something works out with one of the magazines, and with best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

January 31, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: Paul Anthony

From: Emory F. Via

Re: Booking of suite at Atlanta University

Please make arrangements for a largish suite at Atlanta University for the evening of February 4th, to accommodate about twenty persons for an informal social occasion. Please inform FBR and FCL as to what room and address has been obtained so that they will be able to notify those parties concerned.

January 31, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: Frederick B. Routh

From: Emory F. Via

Re: International Labor Team

The international labor team will arrive in Atlanta around 5.23 pm, Delta flight 733, on Tuesday, February 4th. They will be met by UAW automobiles which will transport them to Atlanta University for their dormitory accommodations. They will have their meal at the AU dining room. At 8 pm. there will be a social function in a suite at AU, obtained by Paul Anthony.

I hope to be back in time for their arrival. However, will you please be on hand at AU to greet this group to see that they get in and are settled without a hitch. You will please provide for the refreshments for the evening occasion, to be reimbursed later.

Attached is a copy of their itinerary. It will have some changes in it. Also attached is a copy of a letter from Bill Oliver giving the names and country of origin of the ten delegates. Also attached is a copy of another letter from Bill Oliver indicating dinner arrangements for Wednesday evening. I will plan to attend this occasion and think that at least one other person from the staff here should do so. Hopefully, Harold, if he is to be in town. It is a good opportunity to meet with local UAW leadership with the presence of their own international and state departments.

January 31, 1958

Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

Please send us a copy of the Princeton Alumni Weekly, volume LVIII, October 25, 1957, number 6, and bill us for cost.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

January 31, 1958

Mr. Marlin M. Miller
The Wall Street Journal
44 Broad Street
New York 4, New York

Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you for your letter of January 29, and your permission to reprint the article. Proper credit will be included and the reprint will be used for informational purposes only.

Again thanks.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

January 31, 1958

Mrs. E. U. Robinson
P. O. Box 516
Gallatin, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

Thank you for your letter of January 29 concerning facilities for interracial meetings. This is of great help to us in compiling as complete a list as possible.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 31, 1958

Mr. John H. Wheeler
President
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
116 Parrish Street
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

At its meeting just held, the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council agreed to ask you to accept membership on it.

As you know, the Executive Committee is elected each year by the full Council, to fill vacancies from the board membership. The Executive Committee meets approximately four times a year (including the annual meeting), usually for one-day sessions or less. Of course, all expenses connected with attendance at meetings are paid by the Council. Everyone present recognized that the present demands of your schedule must be very great. It was felt, however, that in view of your deep interest in the Council and its work, you might be willing to accept this additional responsibility.

Speaking for the staff, I want to say how much we would value your wise judgment on the Executive Committee. I shall look forward with anticipation to your reply.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (List of Board Members)

January 31, 1958

Mr. Harold Evans
Chairman
The Anna M. & Elizabeth Chace Fund
1515 Cherry Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Evans:

Knowing of the Chace Fund's deep concern for equal justice and opportunity, we hope that the trustees will be willing to consider the enclosed application from the Southern Regional Council.

The Council exemplifies, I believe, reason and good will in its approach to the staggering' human relations problems of the region. As one might expect, we work closely with the Penn Community Center and with the Southern office of the American Friends Service Committee. Such was the case, for instance, in the North Carolina school project which began with joint planning and action between AFSC and SRC prior to school desegregation in that state and has continued with the problems which have arisen since that time. Because of this cooperation I have asked Mr. Tartt Bell, Southeastern director of AFSC, to write you in our behalf.

We are asking the Chace Fund for assistance to the general budget of the Council. As you will see, we have taken the liberty of asking for support for three years, for reasons which we believe to be convincing. If this is not in order, we are, of course, prepared to revise the request appropriately.

I thought it might be helpful if we sent enough copies of the request for each member of your board. In addition to the proposal itself, I am enclosing other materials which describe reasonably fully the organization, program activities, and finances of the Council. If further information of any kind would be helpful to your Board in considering our request, please call on me for it.

With appreciation for your consideration and kindest regards,

Sincerely,

James M. Dabbs
President

JMD/mf
Enclosures

January 31, 1958

Mr. Camille Gravel
Alexandria,
Louisiana

Dear Mr. Gravel:

At the direction of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, it is my pleasant duty to invite you to membership on the Council's governing body.

To this invitation from the Board I should like to add my personal hope that we may count on your acceptance. There has never been a time when we needed wiser or more devoted leadership than now. Your experience and commitment in this field will give your service special value to the Council in these demanding times.

I am enclosing materials which describe the aimes, background, and current activities of the Council. If you would like further information on any point, please don't hesitate to call on me.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 3.

February 3, 1958

Miss Ilse Bialek
231 Vechta 1 Old
Internat, Germany

Dear Miss Bialek:

Thank you for your most interesting letter and the enclosed card. The card is extremely interesting.

I shall try to answer some of your questions and I am sending the material concerning Little Rock which I mentioned in an earlier letter.

The federal paratroopers have left Little Rock but there is still a small unit of the Arkansas state national guard still at the school. These troops are under federal control but they are units of the state government of Arkansas.

It is a little difficult to explain the legal aspects involved at Little Rock but, in brief, this is what happened: a federal court ordered limited integration at Central High School in Little Rock, but on the first day, Governor Orval Faubus of the state of Arkansas called out troops under the control of the state and prevented the Negro children from entering the school. A subsequent court order, by the same federal court ordered the Negroes to be admitted. Governor Faubus then withdrew his troops, but when the Negro students tried to enter school on the following Monday a mob of white people incited a riot near the school. President Eisenhower then issued a proclamation asking the mob to cease and desist their activity around the school and when they gathered the second day, he called out U. S. Army troops to restore order while the Negro students attended school.

The chief reason the troops are at the school is to prevent mob action by persons outside the school against the Negro students and the school itself. The school officials and the city officials

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of Little Rock, for the most part, have cooperated quite fully in helping attain integration. The troops are aimed mostly at a small group of agitators.

I do hope this makes the picture a little clearer for you. If there are additional details you would like to know, please let me know. Thank you for the New Year's wish and I hope 1958 will be a happy one for you.

Please let us hear from you again soon.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

February 4, 1958

Mrs. Myrtle Williamson
Stillman College
P. O. Drawer 483
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Williamson:

I regret very much that the rain made it impossible for planes to land in Birmingham on the evening of November 22, and the morning of the 23rd, so I missed being with you. I am enclosing a check for twenty-five dollars which will possibly cover the expenses of secretarial help, etc.

At your next meeting we will have funds to pay the travel expenses of those in attendance and if I know some time ahead, I can plan to be with you.

With things as they are, we need to have meetings at regular intervals. You in Alabama have been better about this than any other groups of the Fellowship of the Concerned. I might add that we can do your mimeographing for you, the letters to be sent out, if it is difficult for you to have the work done.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mrs. Candler Tatum, and Mrs. Earl Andrews.

With the best of wishes to you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encl. (check)
cc: Mrs. Candler Tatum
Mrs. Earl Andrews

February 4, 1958

Mrs. J. A. Burt
1815 Enterprise
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Martha:

While of course I appreciate your securing the registration blanks for me, I appreciate it all the more your note which intimated the strategy you used to get them. Yes indeed I will call on you whenever I need to know anything about Mississippi. You are my contact and resource person.

I am coming to Mississippi this spring and maybe you will have some time to spend with me. I think it is wonderful that you have your interracial study groups in spite of the Citizens Council.

Please accept my gratitude for what you have done in the past and a heart full of thanks for this last job.

Sincerely,

DT:lec

Dorothy Tilly

February 4, 1958

Mrs. George McCaskey
1526 Second Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. McCaskey:

Thank you so much for sending the registration blank from your Parish. I am rather startled to learn that each Parish has a different one. I wonder if you could find out a little more about it. Who in the Parish is authorized to formulate the blanks? It all sounds queer, doesn't it.

I hope things are not too bad for you. Please know as I told you, I think about you a great deal.

Love and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

February 4, 1958

Mrs. W. F. Bates
125 Atkins
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Bates:

Only somebody connected with the Methodist Church and as many organizations as are a part of your life could understand why I have delayed answering your letter.

I want you to know I was delighted to see that you can do so much in the Children's Work in the South Central Jurisdiction. We could never do it in the South Eastern Jurisdiction.

Mr. McGill in writing a review of Neither Black Nor White, stated this, "The Stokelys, unlike Bunyan in his Pilgrims Progress, did not find the shining gate but they did find hope." Then he said, "The history of the next few years may show Little Rock to have been the shining gate at the end of the long pilgrimage in this day of America's search, not for social equality as the demogogues say, but for full and equal human and social rights."

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

February 4, 1958

Mrs. Ralph T. Wilson
Laurens, South Carolina

Dear Inez:

This is to thank you for the registration blanks of South Carolina and for the observation you have made in your own county.

Mattie sent her letter to the office and we got it out yesterday. You will receive a copy of it. I have seen Morris Abram and Harold Fleming. Mr. McGill will be attending a meeting of the Georgia Press Association.

Looking forward to being with you February 27 - March 1, I remain

Sincerely,

MET:lec

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

February 4, 1958

Miss Thelma Stevens, Secretary
Woman's Division of Christian Service
Board of Missions of The Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Thelma:

I do not think any of us could thank you enough for the workshop at Clark. My one regret was that I had to spend some time with the United Church Women and make the trip to Augusta. I feel I lost some very fine chapters.

I have much more hope in the United Church Women than I do in either of our conference societies. Neither president is very much concerned with social evils. Mrs. W. R. Bragg of the South Georgia Conference is a more hopeful person than our Mrs. Howard. All of this makes me rather sad.

Mary Colley helped the women in Christian Social Relations and also Mrs. Trimble did.

We are glad Mrs. Bender is going to be with us in our workshop the last days of February. Mattie told me that she had asked Dr. Thompson and I have seen Harold Fleming and Morris Abram. We have asked Morris to speak at night so we may be certain he will be with us.

I received a letter from you yesterday and deeply appreciate what you had to say, so did Mr. Tilly. Yes you will receive, before the 15th, the registration and voting potential of Negroes county by county for Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, Arkansas and Virginia.

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I hope you have had some rest, as you need and deserve it.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

MET:lec

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

VIR AIR MAIL SPECIAL February 4, 1958

Mr. Kenneth Clark
Department of Psychology
City College of New York
New York, New York

Dear Ken:

After talking with you yesterday, I got busy on the priming of Ashmore and McGill. I talked with McGill and, failing to reach Ashmore by telephone, I sent him an airmail special. I feel sure we can count on both of them coming through.

I've considered who else might be queried, if more should be necessary. As you will see from the enclosed list, most of those who know our work and whose name or position would carry weight are on our Board -- which is a kind of endorsement in itself. Mays and Clement are in this category, as are Merrimon Cuninggim, dean of the SMU Theology School; Catholic Bishop Brunini of Jackson, Mississippi; Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, a Tennessean who is national president of the Methodist Women's Division of Christian Service, and others whose word might carry weight. Not on the Board are the following possibilities:

John Popham, a Virginian and for ten years the New York Times' Southern Correspondent.

Arthur Levin, Southeastern Director of ADL, 41 Exchange Place, Atlanta, Georgia.

Tartt Bell, Southeastern Director of AFSC, P. O. Box 1307, High Point, North Carolina.

Florence Harris, Southeastern Coordinator of the YWCA, 41 Exchange Place, Atlanta, Georgia.

Rev. A. C. Miller, Executive Secretary, Christian Life Commission, Southern Baptist Convention, 161 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee.

Malcolm Calhoun, Secretary, Division of Christian Relations, Board of Church Extension, Presbyterian Church in the U. S., 341-B Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia.

Rev. Will D. Campbell, Southern staff man for race relations of the National Council of Churches, 1716 West End Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

Rev. Cornelius Tarplee, Southern staff man for race relations of the Episcopal Church, P. O. Box 853, Lynchburg, Virginia.

Catholic Bishop Vincent Waters of Raleigh, North Carolina.

Philip G. Hammer, Hammer & Company, Economic Consultants, 70 Fairlie Street, N. W., Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Morris B. Abram, a liberal lawyer and political influence, the Healey Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

Federal Circuit Judge Elbert P. Tuttle, 101 Peachtree Circle, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia. With him, assurance of confidientiality would, of course, be extremely important.

Ruby Hurley, Southeastern Regional Secretary of the N.A.A.C.P., 859½ Hunter Street, Atlanta, Georgia.

Any of these people could be counted on to endorse the Council both as to integrity and effectiveness. Should any of them be queried, it would help if I knew slightly in advance.

Many, many thanks for your help, which I will keep entirely confidential. I'll be calling you on the 13th in the hope that we can get together that evening.

Best regards,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (List of Board Members)

February 4, 1958

Mrs. Marjorie M. Armstrong
1407 Benton Avenue
Springfield, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Armstrong:

In the absence of Mr. Fleming, your letter of the 27 has been called to my attention. Under separate cover we are sending you a collection of materials which should be of some help in your forthcoming study.

Secondly, concerning your question of organizations concerned with race relations, the American Council on Race Relations determined in a study made in 1949 that 203 regional and national agencies were interested in intergroup relations. They were broken down as follows:

<u>National</u>:

Federal 20
Private 120

<u>Regional</u>:

Federal 10
Private 53

The National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials is now preparing a directory of intergroup relations agencies. This should be ready for distribution shortly. You can obtain a copy of this directory

through Mr. Arnold Aronson, President, The National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials, 152 West 42nd Street, New York 36, New York.

Among the materials we are sending is an SRC special report, "Organizations and Personnel Engaged in Human Relations Activities in the South."

If we can be of further help, please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

February 4, 1958

Mr. Harry Fleischman
Director
National Labor Service
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Harry:

We are glad to have the check representing Shelly Appleton's contribution of 20 subscriptions to The Petal Paper. We will send a list of suitable Southern names and our check for $60.00 to P. D. East.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 4, 1958

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I can see no harm whatever in the South Carolina Council sending copies of South Carolinians Speak to members of Congress. As you point out in your letter to John Morris, the tax-exempt prohibition applies to action clearly intended to support or oppose specific legislation or candidates. As I recall SCS, it does neither.

Certainly there is nothing necessarily political about sending material to Congressmen - so long as it is informational and non-political in nature.

I think it is quite a compliment that the S. C. Council has been asked to take it on.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Mr. Courtney Siceloff

Original ltr retained to file

VIA AIR MAIL February 4, 1958

Miss Clara Rabinowitz
1 West 85th Street
New York 24, New York

Dear Miss Rabinowitz:

Thank you for your letter and the invitation from Dr. Sager, which arrived shortly afterward.

I have reserved March 6 on my calendar and will be prepared to discuss briefly the topics which you suggest. Meanwhile, I will look forward to the possibility of a conversation with you on February 13 or 14.

Enclosed is the brief biographical summary you requested.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Biographical Data Sheet)

February 4, 1958

Mr. Herbert M. Davidson
Editor
DAYTONA BEACH NEWS JOURNAL
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Herbert:

Many thanks for the good letter you wrote to Nelson Poynter. If he accepts, I am sure that will be a large part of the reason.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 4, 1958

Mr. Arnold Aronson
President
N. A. I. R. O.
152 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Aronson:

Enclosed you will find the completed NAIRO questionnaire which you requested.

If you need additional information, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1 (NAIRO Questionnaire)

February 4, 1958

Mr. Ray W. Sweazey
Director
Interracial Service
Division of Relatinnships
National Council
Boy Scouts of America
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Sweazey:

Enclosed you will find the few clippings from our files which seem to have some bearing on your interests. On checking, we determined that none of the statistical data available would be of help since only areas of population loss were dealt with. My apologies that it took so long to cast up so little.

It was a pleasure to get to know you during your recent visit to Atlanta. I trust that occasions will arise in the future when we can be of more help.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures - 5 clippings (Thermofax copies)

February 4, 1958

Miss Mary Alice Baldinger
Executive Director
National Civil Liberties Clearing House
1637 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Baldinger:

At the request of Mr. Fleming, we are sending you the following materials for your forthcoming annual conference:

150 copies of "Public Ethics and the Integration Question"

150 copies of Publications Listing

150 New Souths, January/1958

These we are sending under separate cover. If we can be of any further help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

Original & copy to P.A.

February 4, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
The New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Eagle:

In the absence of Mr. Fleming, we have arranged a reservation for you for the nights of February 24 and 25 at the Peachtree on Peachtree Hotel. Your visit coincides with the convention of the American Bar Association, therefore our choice of hotels was somewhat limited. However, I believe you will find the accommodations satisfactory.

Mr. Fleming returns to his office on the 7th, and I am sure you will hear further from him at that time.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL February 4, 1958

Mr. Harry Ashmore
Executive Editor
ARKANSAS GAZETTE
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Cousin Harry:

Through the grapevine, I learn that the New York Foundation, which is considering us, is about to ask your confidential judgment of SRC's usefulness. The inquiry will probably come in the form of a letter from either Sol Markoff, the executive, or Ken Clark, who consults with them. As I understand it, they are set to go except for one doubting board member; and what you and McGill say is expected to be decisive.

After all your help, I know I don't have to prime you for such queries. But, not knowing what form this one will take, I thought you ought to know what's behind it and how crucial it is.

I've been rejoicing in the critical acclaim accorded Epitaph. Old Hodding really did an inspired job. I only wish the Atlanta papers were among those serializing the book.

Hope the Mexico City sojourn restored your weary spirits and that you corrupted O'Dwyer more

than he did you. You should have heard the pride Popham exuded over getting you two together.

The best, as always,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. The Methodist churchlady, Mrs. Henderson, showed me the reprint of your editorials on the Faubus affair -- an excellent job. Could you have your secretary mail me a batch?

H. F.

February 5, 1958

Dr. A. C. Miller
Executive Secretary
Christian Life Commission of the
Southern Baptist Convention
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Miller:

We were disappointed to learn that you cannot be with us on the 25th. However, we more than understand your very heavy schedule and the demands made on your time.

All here send their very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Memo re February 25th Meeting.)

February 5, 1958

Mr. E. T. Kehrer
Southeastern Regional Director
ILGWU
1489 Gordon Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Kehrer:

We are very happy to learn through Emory Via that you will attend the forthcoming meeting of agencies interested in human relations in the South. We anticipate that fifteen to eighteen agencies and organizations will participate.

As you will note from the enclosed memo, the meeting will be held at Atlanta University on February 25th and 26th. The meeting will commence at 1:30 P. M. on the 25th, in the Board Room of the Administration Building. The group will have dinner that evening at the Atlanta University dining hall with an informal session thereafter. The meeting will end at noon on the 26th.

If we can be of further help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1.

February 5, 1958

Mr. Milton Patton
United Christian Youth Movement
National Council of the Churches of
Christ in U.S.A.
257 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Patton:

On February 25th and 26th, representatives of some 15 to 18 national and regional agencies interested in race relations in the South will meet here in Atlanta. Mr. Will Campbell has suggested that we invite you to this meeting and we are most happy to do so.

The enclosed two memoranda concerning this meeting have been sent to participating agencies. You will note that the meeting will be held at Atlanta University, commencing at 1:30 P. M. on February 25th and ending at noon on the 26th. Many of the persons from out of town prefer to remain on the campus overnight and we will be happy to make such reservations for you if you like.

We hope that it will be possible for you to be with us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1.

February 5, 1958

Mr. John N. Janoulis
Fixture Sales Company
321 Edgewood Avenue, S. E.
Atlanta 12, Georgia

Dear Mr. Janoulis:

Enclosed is our check for $170.98 re your invoice dated January 29, 1958.

We are pleased with the tables and grateful for the time and attention you devoted to the problem. In short, we like the way you do business and hope that an occasion will arise when we can deal with your firm again.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Check No. 1638, $170.98)

February 5, 1958

Members of an international team of union people at present in the United States. The visit is sponsored by the State Department and the UAW, with the cooperation, in Atlanta, Georgia, of the Southern Regional Council.

Victor Thys of the Belgian Metal Workers

William Bradley
C.W. Hallett
W.T. Brown, and
Perce Hanley of the British AEU

Sven Forslund of the Swedish Metal Workers

Adrian Garduno, and
Augustin Flores-Tovar of the Mexican Metal Workers

D. Vankatesh, and
J.C. Saikia of India

Team Director: Joseph Mattson

Interpreter for the Mexican delegates: Joe Vega

Materials sent:
Sample copies New South - 1957-58
Publication Listings (Sample)
25-Public Ethics and the Integration Question
Changing Patterns (Sample)
Next Steps in the South(Sample)
Three Views of the Segregation Decisions (Sample)
What the Supreme Court Said (Sample)

February 5, 1958

Miss Lucille D. Frost
Associate Secretary
Women's Fellowship
Missions Council of the
Congregational Christian Churches
19 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Miss Frost:

At the request of Mrs. Tilly we are mailing you, under separate cover, some materials which we hope will help you on the Southern Mission Study Tour.

If we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Corrected copy

February 6, 1958

Mr. Jack Clareman, Secretary
The Christopher Reynolds Foundation, Inc.
3040 Salmon Tower Building
Eleven West Forty-second Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Clareman:

We are warmly grateful for your letter of February 3. The continuing support and confidence of The Christopher Reynolds Foundation gives us more encouragement than I can say.

I will see that you receive periodic reports of the work of the Council during 1958, in sufficient number of copies to share them with the other board members if you wish.

We will be happy to have the grant remitted to the Council as soon as you find it convenient.

I was impressed by what you told me of the Foundation's interest in other activities designed to advance good human relations. If at any time we can furnish you with information or advice that would be helpful to the Foundation in this connection, please don't hesitate to call on me.

With appreciation and kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL February 6, 1958

The Commodore Hotel
42nd Street at Lexington
New York, New York

Dear Sirs:

This is to request a single reservation for February 12 and 14; time of arrival, approximately 4:00 P. M., on the 12th.

I will appreciate a confirmation at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Same ltr sent to:

Mr. McLeod Bryan

February 6, 1958

Mr. John H. Wheeler
President
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Vernon Eagle, executive director of the New World Foundation, has written me that he plans to be in Durham the afternoon of February 27. I took the liberty of suggesting that he should, if at all possible, see you while he is there.

The New World Foundation has given financial assistance to the SRC during the last two years. Accordingly, Vernon is interested both in the work of SRC and in Southern race relations generally. This will be his first trip to the South. I will be most grateful for any help you can give him while he is in Durham.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Same ltr. sent to:

Harry Golden
Dr. Raymond Wheeler
C. A. McKnight

February 6, 1958

Mr. Harry Jones
Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street, Rm. 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Vernon Eagle, executive director of the New World Foundation, has written me that he plans to be in Charlotte the afternoon and evening of February 26 and perhaps for a while on the 27. I took the liberty of suggesting that he should, if at all possible, see you while he is there.

The New World Foundation has given financial assistance to the SRC during the last two years. Accordingly, Vernon is interested both in the work of SRC and in Southern race relations generally. This will be his first trip to the South. I will be most grateful for any help you can give him while he is in Charlotte.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL

February 6, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
The New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

As Paul Anthony has written you, we have made a reservation for you at the Peachtree on Peachtree Hotel (how Southern can you get?). I have also written of your impending visit to the persons whose names I suggested in my last letter.

I will meet you at the Atlanta Airport on the 24th, and, if you aren't too tired, we can have some dinner and conversation that evening. If we should miss each other at the unloading gate, let's agree to meet at the Eastern ticket counter in the main terminal building. Until then,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 6, 1958

Mr. John H. Marion
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
1409 Chowan Road
Richmond 36, Virginia

Dear Jack:

Vernon Eagle, executive director of the New World Foundation, has written me that he plans to be in Richmond on February 28. I took the liberty of suggesting that he should, if at all possible, see you while he is there.

The New World Foundation has given financial assistance to the SRC during the last two years. Accordingly, Vernon is interested both in the work of SRC and in Southern race relations generally. This will be his first trip to the South. I will be most grateful for any help you can give him while he is in Richmond.

I have just returned from a conference of key Southern ministers of the United Lutheran Church, held in Charlotte. There, I met the Rev. Roy Sloop of Newport News, whose apparent skill and conviction in the area of race relations greatly impressed me. He said that you two had been in touch and expressed the hope that the interracial group in Newport News

might relate more closely to the Virginia Council.
I thought you would want to know of our conversation.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 6, 1958

Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg
Director
Public Affairs Programs - WHAS
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Dorcas:

At a recent meeting, the Executive Committee of the Council considered the question of two additional members of the Nominating Committee for 1958. It was the hope of the Committee that you would be willing to serve in this capacity. The other three members of the Nominating Committee, elected at the annual meeting in November, are: W. Carroll Brooke, Charles G. Gomillion, and Harry V. Richardson.

While the Nominating Committee exercises an important function, membership on it will not impose any great burden of time. As you may know, this is the group that presents to the annual meeting nominations for officers, executive committee members, and new board members for the coming year. Usually, the Nominating Committee meets only once, some weeks prior to the annual meeting. Prior to that time, the staff forwards by mail information on the positions to be filled and suggestions from all sources as to suitable names.

In asking me to invite you to serve, the Executive Committee was prompted by recognition of the qualities of judgment and leadership that you would bring to this task. We very much hope that you will accept the responsibility, and I want to assure you that the staff will do everything in its power to keep the demands on your time to a minimum.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 6, 1958

Mr. L. D. Milton
President
Citizens Trust Company
212 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Milton:

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Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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February 6, 1958

Mr. Jack Clareman, Secretary
The Christopher Reynolds Foundation, Inc.
3040 Salmon Tower Building
Eleven West Forty-second Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Clareman:

We are warmly grateful for your letter of February 3. The continuing support and confidence of The Christopher Reynolds Foundation gives us more encouragement than I can say.

I will see that you receive periodic reports of the work of the Council during 1958, in sufficient number of copies to share them with the other board members if you wish.

We will be happy to have the grant remitted to the Council as soon as you find it convenient.

I was impressed by what you told me of the Fund's interest in other activities designed to advance good human relations. If at any time we can furnish you with information and advice that would be helpful to the Fund in this connection, please do not hesitate to call on me.

With appreciation and kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

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February 6, 1958

Miss Clara Rabinowitz
1 West 85th Street
New York 24, New York

Dear Miss Rabinowitz:

I will be available for the get-together at 4:30 P. M., February 13th. I assume it will take place in your office and will look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 6, 1958

Mr. Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
P. O. Box 1307
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

Here are the letter and proposal to the Chace Fund. As you will see, on the strength of our earlier conversation about this, we took the liberty of saying that you would write. A word of support from you would be deeply appreciated.

I don't have to say that we would welcome an opportunity to reciprocate at any time.

I am looking forward to seeing you on the 24th.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 6, 1958

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Ed:

Your conversation with Pat Malin produced quick results. I had a call from him day before yesterday in which he informed me that Roland Watts and another member of ACLU would attend the February meeting. This should give us a chance to have full communication about ACLU's efforts as they bear on the needs of the agencies active in the South. I agree with you wholeheartedly that we should avoid duplication.

We have been in touch with P. D. East and have given him the information he wanted about the unidentified contributor.

It was very helpful as well as pleasant to get caught up with our many common concerns while you were here. I am grateful, as always, for your help.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 6, 1958

U. S. Department of Commerce
Room 604, Volunteer Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sir:

Please send us the two publications, Population Mobility, By State and Population Mobility, Farm, Non-farm Movers. Enclosed is check for three dollars and twenty-five cents in payment.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl. (check)

February 6, 1958

Government Printing Office
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We are interested in securing up to date material concerning federal monies allocated to the forty-eight states. Would you please send us the latest publication concerning such finances, or refer us to the proper source.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

February 6, 1958

Mr. Clarence Mitchell
Washington Branch NAACP
100 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I have read your testimony before the House Sub-Committee on [redacted]ucation delivered January 31, 1958. This is excellent material and the Council would like to have twenty-five copies for distribution to the state organizations on Human Relations in the South.

We would also like permission to reprint portions of this in some of our materials.

We would appreciate any consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

February 6, 1958

Miss Elise Laurin
Religious Activities Office
Ohio Wesleyan University
Delaware, Ohio

Dear Miss Laurin:

Since our organization is entirely Southern in scope, I do not think we would have material which would be of interest to you. However, I am enclosing a copy of our Publication Listings and if we can be of help, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

February 6, 1958

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Thanks so much for the letter to Mr. Evans bearing the personal touch of the President. We have corrected the errors you found in the proposal and have sent that with your covering letter to Mr. Evans. I will see that Tartt Bell writes Evans a letter - something he has already indicated a willingness to do.

I am belatedly prompted to make sure that you understand the legitimacy of employing secretarial help at Council expense for the correspondence and other clerical work occasioned by your position of president. That was a practice followed by Marion Wright and is little enough for the Council to do.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/smf

February 6, 1958

Mr. Walter Sharp
Department of Fine Arts
Vanderbilt University
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Sharp:

My warm thanks for your letter of February 4. I can readily understand why we haven't had some word from you before, and I am only sorry that I had to add to your back log of correspondence.

Your candid and conscientious response to the Council's invitation is much appreciated. But you are quite right in supposing that the investment of confidence and moral support by the devoted Southerners who serve on the Council is a major contribution in itself. We have long since realized that only a limited number of the busy people who serve on the Council can give important segments of their time to its activities. These days we are more conscious than ever of the need for the Council's staff activities to be morally supported by responsible and enlightened Southerners on its governing body.

All of which is to say that we would consider it an honor to have you accept membership on the terms set forth in your letter. Actually, the obligatory demands on the time of the members is

very slight. The full Council comes together only once a year, usually in Atlanta, for a two-day meeting. In the interim between annual meetings, policy decisions are made by the Executive Committee, consisting of the officers and other members elected by the Full Council. The Executive Committee meets no less often than quarterly. Our only concern is that the members be kept reasonably informed of the Council's work and that they have ample opportunity to make any suggestions or criticisms that occur to them. We try to insure this by periodic reports and informational mailings to the members.

I know the officers and members will be delighted to learn of your willingness to be counted among the leadership of the Southern Regional Council, and I hope that I will have the pleasure of meeting you personally in the not too distant future.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/s mf

February 6, 1958

Dr. John H. Marion
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
1409 Chowan Road
Richmond, 26, Virginia

Dear Jack:

We have just received the copy of your new promotional brochure, and let me hasten to say we are very favourably impressed.

Thanks for checking with a goodly number of Virginia Council members regarding inter-racial facilities. I believe the compilation with which we will end up will be helpful to many public and private bodies in the South.

We are deeply grateful for the good work you are doing in Virginia. Inspite of all Mr. Almond's promises during the campaign he will be the occupant of the Governor's chair during the period in which the Old Dominion desegregates its public schools. The time and effort which you have invested in the Virginia Council and its work will then truly bear fruit and be desperately needed.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

February 6, 1958

Mr. Hal G. Lewis
College of Education
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Hal:

Thanks for your letter of 31st January regarding interracial facilities in Florida.

Sincere congratulations on your election to the presidency of the Florida Council on Human Relations. I don't believe there is any other effort in which you could invest your talents and time which would be as rewarding as this will be in the very near future. The Sunshine State faces the inevitable desegregation of the schools in a far shorter time than most people think, and the Florida Council will need your wisdom and steady hand during that period.

Our sincere thanks for accepting this responsibility, and be assured of our full cooperation in every way possible.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

February 6, 1958

Mr. David J. McDonald, President
United Steelworkers of America
1500 Commonwealth Building
Pittsburgh 22, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. McDonald:

It was a pleasure to meet you at the National Conference for Human Rights in Philadelphia on February 3rd. I feel this meeting was a significant step in the right direction. When representatives of government, of organized labor, and of business can come together, honestly admit their shortcomings, and plan for constructive work in the area of human rights we are making progress.

We are indebted to you and to Governor Leader for this far-sighted effort. It is my hope that similar conferences may be held in a goodly number of other states under comparable auspices.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

February 6, 1958

Mr. Arnold Aronson
Consultative Conference on Desegregation
9 East 38th Street, Room 201
New York 16, N.Y.

Dear Arnie:

It was good to see you at the Governor's and Steel Workers' Conference in Philadephia. Thanks for the invitation to come up to the NCRAC evaluation session - even if I could come for only one day.

Unfortunately, my itinerary is such that it would be impossible for me to be there for more than a very brief period of time -- roughly four hours -- and I don't believe this is worth the expense it would incur to your organization. So, with regrets I bow out and ask for a rain check for next year's meeting.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

February 6, 1958

Mr. Louis A. Radelet, Director
Commission on Community Organizations
National Conference of Christians and Jews
43 West 57th Street
New York 19, N.Y.

Dear Lou:

Yesterday I mailed you a card voting for a dinner meeting of the NAIRO sub-committee on program development and financial development.

I did this in haste because you asked for a prompt reply. The copy of my letter to Arnie which I am enclosing explains why I cannot be there. I regret this very much.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.

FBR:fcl

February 6, 1958

Mr. Nathaniel R. Jones, Executive Director
Fair Employment Practice Committee
City Hall
Youngstown 3, Ohio

Dear Nate:

Many thanks for the information about the Chase-Lynch-Buckley Awards. I will be glad to stress the value of communication lines between groups and that Northern communities should "clean house" as well as urge action on the South.

It will be necessary for me to be back in Pittsburgh by ten o'clock on Sunday evening. I trust this is satisfactory.

I will be staying at the Penn-Sheraton Hotel and may be contacted there either Saturday night or Sunday morning depending upon the arrangements you have made for carrying me to Youngstown.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

February 6, 1958

Miss Bess Topolsky
Publicity Chairman
Allegheny Council on Civil Rights
200 Ross Street, Room 1108
Pittsburgh 19, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Topolsky:

I am flying into Pittsburgh on the evening of the 14th of February and reservations have been made for me by Mrs. Friedberg at the Penn-Sheraton Hotel.

I will be happy to meet with members of the press on Saturday morning before the Conference. I looke forward to being with the Allegheny County Council on Civil Rights at their tenth annual meeting.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

February 6, 1958

Mrs. Lillian A. Friedberg
Corresponding Secretary
Allegheny County Council on Civil Rights
200 Ross Street, Room 1108
Pittsburgh 19, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Friedberg:

It was good to meet you at the Governor's and Steel Workers' Conference in Philadelphia. I regret we did not get together after the luncheon as we had planned. I looked about for you, but failed to find you.

I am happy that you have chosen the first title, "Changing Patterns in Civil Rights and Civil Liberties". I have been in touch with Miss Topolsky about the possibilities of a press conference which she recommended. I am enclosing a copy of the letter.

Thank you for making a reservation at the Penn-Sheraton Hotel.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.

FBR:fcl

February 6, 1958

Miss Evelyn H. Roberts
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
4644 Lee Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Evelyn:

It was good to be with you and the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha in St. Louis. I thought the panel which asked the questions was extremely able amd that this was a good technique for further spelling-out things of interest to local people. You are to be congratulated for the well organized and planned meeting.

I wish to thank you and Alpha Kappa Alpha for the generous honorarium-contribution to the Southern Regional Council. We are grateful for it not only in monetary terms but more than this because it shows your faith in SRC. I wish you would thank Mr. and Mrs. Oldham for their gracious hospitality.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

February 6, 1958

Mr. Clarence Mitchell
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People
100 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Clarence:

It was good to be with you in St. Louis, even if the snow was eleven inches deep. The warm friendliness of the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha more than made up for the cold weather!

John Constable, our Director of Information, is writing you for twenty-five copies of your testimony regarding the expenditure of federal funds in segregated schools systems in the South. I believe we can make really good use of this information and place it in some hands where it may do some good. I have read the testimony carefully and I am much impressed with the factual, objective way in which you handle the material.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

February 6, 1958

The Hon. George M. Leader
Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

My dear Governor:

It was good to meet you at the recent National Conference for Human Rights in Philadelphia. I believe this was a significant and worth while effort. When the representatives of government, of labor, and of business can come together, admit their shortcomings and plan further steps in human rights, we are making progress.

We are indebted to you and to the Steelworkers for this forward-looking and important meeting. I firmly believe that similar conferences, under comparable auspices, should be held in as many states as possible. Might it not be possible for you to make this suggestion to some of your fellow Governors?

Thanks once more for what you have done.

Respectfully yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

February 7, 1958

Mr. Otto Pragan
International Chemical Workers Union
1659 W. Market Street
Akron 13, Ohio

Dear Otto:

I am sorry to hear of the complications in your use of the Junaluska facilities. My suggestions for other spots will have to be followed up by you since I have no first-hand knowledge of the facilities and cost.

My guess is that colleges will not be open to such institutes in May since this conflicts with their own heavy enrollments.

Quaker Lake is a summer recreation center owned by the North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends. Write to Charles Hendricks at Guilford College, North Carolina.

Camp New Hope, a similar facility near Chapel Hill, is owned by the Presbyterian Synod. Write to Anne Queen, University YWCA Chapel Hill, North Carolina, for details. Perhaps Miss Queen could also give you leads regarding the university's own facilities.

Belmont College, Belmont, North Carolina is at least open for interracial groups. The contact there is Father Allen. Pfeiffer College at Misenheimer has recently accepted a Negro student. It may be that its facilities are now available. Write to Dr. Lem Stokes for information.

I don't remember what the story is on Blue Ridge; I take it that there was a real reason why that was no longer a useful site.

Continued . . .

Mr. Otto Pragan February 7, 1958

Guilford College has had interracial groups in recent years; each has to be carefully negotiated. I doubt that they would be open for such a large group in May, but information could be had from the office of the President, or you might ask such questions of Charles Hendricks who is in charge of Quaker Lake, the first listed spot.

I gather that you are avoiding institutions which are considered all Negro. However, Bennett College, a Negro women's institution in Greensboro, North Carolina has fairly good facilities. Again, I would doubt that they are available for May.

FONTANA ?

Have you ever had contact with Fortuna Village? A letter to the Director of Admissions, Fortuna Village, North Carolina might turn up something.

I am sorry that this information has to be so incomplete, but I hope that you will find a satisfactory lead and that your summer school plans will not be disrupted.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

February 7, 1958

Mrs. Josephine Murphy
Atlanta University Dormitories
50 Chestnut Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Murphy:

An international team of twelve labor leaders was recently housed at Atlanta University. I want to express my appreciation for the arrangements which you made and for the courtesy which they received.

Mrs. Anderson, who received them, did nobly in seeing that a group of late and weary travelers was quickly settled in its quarters. Their stay in Atlanta was a successful one and this was due in no small part to the fact that they could get your good accommodations on such short notice. Thanks for your help and that of your staff.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

February 7, 1958

Mr. and Mrs. Machion S. Garrison, Sr.,
237 West Lake Drive, N.W.
Atlanta 14, Georgia

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Garrison:

I greatly appreciated your opening of your home to a visit from the international labor team recently in Atlanta. The men who were able to attend, and Fred and I, greatly enjoyed ourselves at your place.

Your hospitality was not only generous but a real contribution to better understanding among people.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

February 7, 1958

Mr. L. D. Milton
President
Citizens Trust Company
212 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Milton:

It was a real pleasure for me and for the international labor team to visit your bank and to have you talk with us. It was a most important part of the team's visit to Atlanta, and an educational experience in a dozen different ways.

I am personally appreciative of your generosity in making this opportunity available to us, especially on such short notice.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

February 7, 1958

Mrs. Ruby Hurley
Southeastern Director
NAACP
895½ Hunter Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ruby:

It was wonderful of you to come to our offices and talk with the international labor team. It was a distinguished group and they appreciated the opportunity to hear you.

You did a good job with them and I am personally appreciative of the time and effort you put into it on such short notice.

Thanks so much.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

February 7, 1958

Mr. Robert Thompson
Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bob:

Thanks so much for your time, energy and insight in touring the international labor team on Wednesday the 4th.

This was a notable part of their trip to the States and I am personally appreciative of your great aid on such short notice.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

Original ltr + copy
returned to P.A.

February 7, 1958

Mr. Haskell L. Lazere, Director
Southeast Regional Office
The American Jewish Congress
Room 906 - Congress Building
111 N. E. 2nd Avenue
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Mr. Lazere:

We are happy to know that you and Mr. Maslow plan to be with us on the 25th and 26th.

I know of no special preparation which will be necessary prior to the meeting. However, Mrs. Ruby Hurley, chairman of the meeting, informs us that the following areas will be represented on the agenda: the joint fact-finding project; government contracts and employment; proposed inter-religious conference; voter registration programs and projects; reports on and discussion of possible interagency action on Dallas, Knoxville, Miami, and possibly the Virginia cities; and, the proposed legal aid plan and the possibility of legal advice to Southern agencies.

On the matter of your reservation at the Biltmore, there may be some difficulty. Unfortunately, our meeting coincides with the annual convention of the American Bar Association and hotel rooms are at a premium. If you have difficulty, we will

try to be of help if you wish. On the morning of the 25th we will be here at the office in the event you wish to consult on the matter of transportation to and from Atlanta University.

If we can be of further help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

February 7, 1958

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1457 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I have read with much interest the copy of your letter to Mr. Ross of the National Council of Churches, and I know you would want to have the enclosed excerpt from Ralph Lord Roy's book APOSTLES OF DISCORD. No doubt Mr. Ross will supply you with even more detailed information, but I think you will find Roy's summary instructive.

Apostles of Discord is a thoroughly responsible and careful assessment of disruptive elements in religious institutions. The book has the endorsement of such liberal churchmen as Reinhold Niebuhr and Bishop Oxnam.

As you will see, Roy's characterization of The Protestant is far from favorable. But it should be kept in mind that Dr. Bacoats alleged involvement with The Protestant took place in 1941, when the true sympathies of the magazine were not so widely known and when it still commanded the sympathy of a number of unquestionably patriotic and reputable religious leaders.

Roy mentions some of these, and I am sure it would be instructive to see a full list of the people with whom Dr. Bacoats was associated in issuing the "call"

for "Protestantism Answers Hate Dinner Forum." I should be surprised if he was not in the company of a good many distinguished churchmen.

This sounds to me very much like the smears based on earlier associations with the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. The use of a one-time association many years ago with an organization that has since been branded as un-American is poor evidence of disloyal sympathies on the part of a man whose whole character and career may testify to his integrity.

Call on us for any further information and assistance we can give you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Excerpt from Apostles of Discord)

Kenneth Leslie and The Protestant
(Subtopic taken from Chpt. 11 of APOSTLES OF DISCORD, pp. 254-59., by Ralph Lord Roy)

The Protestant (formerly the Protestant Digest) was published in New York City until 1951, when it was moved to Nova Scotia, by its Canadian Baptist editor, Kenneth Leslie. In its first issue -- December 1938 -- it carried a strong hint as to its future policy. Leslie asked: "Is it not possible for both Christians and Communists, instead of condemning each other in their mutual weakness, to contribute the best they each have and work together for the common good?" By the height of World War II, The Protestant claimed a hundred thousand readers and boasted that it represented more than six thousand Protestant clergymen.

Within a few months after its debut, The Protestant adopted a bitter anti-Catholic attitude, rooted in part in its abhorrence of fascist Spain. Even during the war, however, when American Catholics and Protestants were united in fighting the common fascist foe, Leslie spoke jeeringly of "the Hitler-Vatican shenanigans," denounced Fulton J. Sheen as a "dangerous . . . subtle Fascist," and held that the Papacy was interested in "a Fascist world hegemony." The National Conference of Christians and Jews was controlled by "Catholic clericalism," Leslie complained. "Behind the Inter-Faith cloak flashes the stiletto aimed at the heart of our free democracy.

In contrast to Leslie's unreasoning anti-Catholicism, The Protestant posed as a special friend of the Jews. Frequently Protestant Associates, Inc.--the official publishers of the magazine--inserted large advertisements in metropolitan newspapers to protest against anti-Semitism. Leslie organized two committees for this purpose: the Textbook Commission to Eliminate Anti-Semitic Statements in American Textbooks, and the National Committee to Combat Anti-Semitism. Both attracted large numbers of supporters.

These groups were immediately repudiated by the leading Jewish agencies in the United States. The American Jewish Committee quickly advised its followers

> ...to give no financial support to these affiliated organizations. Backed by no official Protestant organization, The Protestant further belies its name by circulating largely among Jews and by seeking a major part of its financial support from Jewish organizations and individuals. This, we believe, is inherently wrong, the more so when a careful study of the files of The Protestant reveals that the periodical tends to arouse animosity and distrust among people of different creeds.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith expressed a similar opinion:

> We look with disfavor on any controversy between Protestant, Catholic, and other religious publications or groups. Indeed, we are interested in any move to counteract prejudice or defamation of Protestant, Catholic or Jew, Negro or White. Therefore, we do not favor The Protestant or its Textbook Commission or approve any sectarian publication which does create such controversy.

When Jewish groups showed reluctance to recognize Leslie's concern, he vigorously denounced them as "deceivers of the public," "begrayers of Jewish interests," "promoters of fascism." Outbursts of anti-Zionism during recent months in the Soviet Union have led to parallel anti-Zionism in The Protestant. In early 1953 Leslie wrote:

> US Zionism, involving world Zionism, is offering itself and its cause as a sacrifice to the appetites of anti-Soviet money imperialism.... The sad truth is that it is American Zionist leadership (along with its hired Christian attendants) which has sold itself to the service of the Napalm Knights of the new world aggression.

He accused pro-Western Jews of failing to understand "that an anti-Semite is always a red baiter and a red baiter is always an anti-Semite."

Originally, The Protestant had been able to gain widespread backing from reputable clergymen. Among the "advisors" of its editorial board who came to realize that they had been co-operating unwittingly with a tool of the Kremlin policy were such active non-communist Protestant figures as Dwight J. Bradley, Charles S. Braden, L. M. Birkhead, Frederick May Eliot, John A. Mackay, James Moffatt, Louie D. Newton, G. Bromley Oxnam, Wilhelm Pauck, Edwin McNeill Poteat, W. Stanley Rycroft, Douglas V. Steere, Paul Tillich, Channing H. Tobias, and many more. Of those who remained on The Protestant's advisory board, the majority still involve themselves in innumerable front activities. These include the Rev. Reginald H. Bass of Central Community Church, Brooklyn, co-chairman of New York Peace Institute; the Rev. Joseph F. Fletcher, professor at the Episcopal Theological Seminary in Cambridge, Massachusetts; the Rev. J. Spencer Kennard, Jr., author and former faculty member of West China Union University; the Rev. Donald Lothrop, minister of Community Church, Boston; the Rev. E. D. McGowan

of the Epworth Methodist Church of the Bronx; the Rev. Dryden L. Phelps, former Baptist missionary to West China; and the Rev. Claude C. Williams, director of People's Institute of Applied Religion. Phelps and Williams will be discussed later in this chapter.

The Protestant also receives the moral support of Hewlett Johnson, Britain's "Red Dean," and of Bishop Albert Bereczky of Hungary.

Leslie himself has had a novel and varied career. One source reports that he has taught, lectured, farmed an apple orchard, bought and sold stock, led a dance orchestra, studied acting, written poetry, operated a buttermilk restaurant in Los Angeles, sung Hebredian songs over the radio, written and published popular songs under the firm name of Leslie and Fitzgerald. For a short period he was on the staff of the First Baptist Church of Montclair, New Jersey. Former associates say that at one time he was strongly interested in Catholicism, studying its ritual and teachings and even carrying a St. Theresa religious medal.

Many of the original sponsors of The Protestant withdrew their support soon after the magazine began. Later, in 1946, the entire executive force of the magazine resigned, led by Pierre Van Paassen, contributing editor. The issue was not ideological; the rebels charged: "Mr. Leslie's adamant stand that The Protestant is not an organizational movement but his privately owned enterprise under his control" had resulted in the "tragic collapse" of the magazine. Joseph Brainin, associate editor and spokesman for the group, said the withdrawal was not related to Leslie's political views.

Immediately after Henry Wallace announced his availability for the presidency in January 1948, The Protestant came to his support. In a telegram to Wallace signed by the six ministers of the board of publishers, and by the chairmen of the most important Ministerial Action Committees in Chicago, Hartford, Philadelphia, and New York, its sponsors declared: "The Protestant urges the people of America to support the peoples' party of Wallace not merely as a political party but as a profound spiritual revolt against the business and church cartels which led us to war and want. The Protestant recognizes in your Third Party the renewed spirit of our revolutionary forefathers and the true promise of world peace."

Chairmen of the Ministerial Action Committees sponsoring the telegram were Wilfred Wakefield and William T. Baird of Chicago, Chester E. Hodgson of New York, George F. Conner of Philadelphia and Edward L. Peet of Hartford. Only the first two of these five clergymen today remain among The Protestant's advisors.

The final split came in 1950 when Leslie devoted an entire issue to Korea, referring to America as the "aggressor" and Korea as the "oppressed." "No braver and decenter people exist than the Americans," he wrote. "But they are being involved by their Bankers, Bishops, and Brass in a COWARDLY AND INDECENT ADVENTURE." The whole conflict, Leslie claimed, was a "Dulles baby," the work "of the Wall Street evangelist John Foster Dulles." Leslie charged that the American government had forced the United Nations Security Council "to make an honest woman out of the U. S. and to 'legalize' her illegal intervention."

A direct result of the special Korean issue of The Protestant was the resignation of several more editorial advisors. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Harlem clergyman and member of Congress, and John Hammond, wealthy patron of swing music, demanded that the publisher immediately remove their names from the masthead. Others followed, including Lee H. Ball, Methodist minister of New Paltz, New York, and treasurer of the Methodist Federation for Social Action. Congressman Powell telegraphed Leslie: "I thought the Protestant had stopped publication. Just saw article on Korea. Emphatically disagree. Remove my name immediately." He told the New York World Telegram and Sun that he started to "clear out of all left-wing organizations" in 1949 -- in protest against Paul Robeson's assertion in Paris that Negroes would not support the United States in a war with the Soviet Union.

When the central committee of the World Council of Churches, meeting in Toronto in July 1950, approved United Nations action in Korea, Leslie sharply dissented: "Western leaders of the new ecumenical Christianity .... accept with realistic fortitude the fact that innocent must die that the Kingdom of Profit must stay." He carried his case further against the World Council: "The whole artillery of the World Council is thrown against the peace movements of the hundreds of millions of ordinary people everywhere encircling the entire world and threatening the profits of the merchants of death."

The Protestant continues to follow the same rigid line. Its editor recently praised party-line religious figures in contrast with conservative World Council leaders. "We can see no common ground," he said, "between a Hromadka [Czech] and a Leiper, a Bereczky [Hungarian] and a Van Dusen, an Endicott [Canadian pro-communist] and a Visser t'Hooft." Leslie wrote: "We do not believe in the good faith of the World Council of Churches." He charged it with deliberately cultivating "animosity" against the Soviety Union and the other Socialist countries. "How can the Hungarians (and we shall let them symbolize all Eastern churches) sit down and hold communion with a group of men who serve not the God of peace but the God of war?!"

Fifteen years after its birth The Protestant had shrunk from a 64-page monthly journal to a thin, irregular multigraphed bulletin. Its influence has deteriorated rapidly as its party line has become more and more evident.

February 7, 1958

Dr. Harold C. Letts
Board of Social Missions
The United Lutheran Church in America
231 Madison Avenue,
New York 16, New York

Dear Harold:

Herewith my expense report.

I don't know when I have been more impressed by the sure signs of growth and progress than I was in Charlotte this week. One of the most striking things was the good humor and fellowship that characterized the group.

My congratulations and good wishes to you, Harold Haas, and your other associates.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2 (Expense Report and Air Travel Ticket Receipt)

February 7, 1958

Mr. P. D. East
P. O. Box 349
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Mr. East:

Enclosed you will find our check for $60.00, for twenty subscriptions to the Petal Paper. Attached are the names and addresses of the persons to whom the paper is to be sent.

You will recall these funds were mentioned in the letter you received from Harry Fleischman.

In regard to your phone inquiry about Mr. Richard McClain, 19 Polk Place, Greenburgh, White Plains, New York - we find no indication that Mr. McClain is associated with any organization. He is identified in our files as being a friend of Roy Wilkins and I believe the subscriptions which he transmitted were actually arranged for by Roy's organization.

I enjoyed our phone conversation yesterday and duly passed along your remarks. Mrs. Tilly was pleased at being remembered and flattered at being described as "wicked."

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Check No. 1639, $60.00
List of Subscribers for Petal Paper)

L I S T

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70 Fairlie Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

February 10, 1958

Miss Marguerite Walton
Registrar
Saints Junior College
Lexington, Mississippi

Dear Miss Walton:

Thank you for your letter of February 4th. We are enclosing several SRC publications, together with a listing of other available materials. We would suggest, however, that you secure materials directly geared toward your Brotherhood Week program from The National Conference of Christians and Jews, 43 West 57th Street, New York 19, New York.

We hope the enclosed material will be of some value to you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

Enclosures, 7

February 10, 1958

U. S. Government Printing Office
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We would very much like to secure an updated copy of your publication, SELECTED MATERIALS ON THE ECONOMY OF THE SOUTH (Report of the Committee on Banking and Currency of the United States Senate). The report we now have, No. 2830, is dated October 5, 1956. If you have released a more recent report of this nature, please forward one (1) copy to the above address, and bill the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

February 10, 1958

Mr. Nathaniel R. Jones, Executive Director
Fair Employment Practice Committee
City Hall
Youngstown 3, Ohio

Dear Nate:

Thanks for your letter of the 7th asking for some biographical data and a photograph. Would that we could meet all such requests as easily as we can meet this one! Enclosed is a vita sheet and a photograph.

I look forward to seeing you in Youngstown. I would appreciate some idea of my scheduled trip from Pittsburgh to Youngstown and return.

With every good wish.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosures.

FBR:fcl

February 10, 1958

Dr. John H. Marion
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
1409 Chowan Road
Richmond 26, Virginia

Dear Jack:

Many thanks for the up to date list with mailing addresses of your Board members. I will pass the information into the proper hands in the office.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

February 10, 1958

Dr. Gordon W. Lovejoy
Program Consultant
The National Conference of Christians
and Jews, Inc.
P. O. Box 507
Guilford College, North Carolina

Dear Gordon:

In the midst of travels, I asked other members of the staff to do a brief statement of the sort requested in your letter of January 29. Unfortunately, the files of the old Commission are buried at Atlanta University and time presses us hard -- as usual and in common with everybody else.

So the sketchy statement enclosed hardly does justice to your request. But accept it as at least token evidence of our good intentions.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 10, 1958

Mr. Camille Gravel
611 Murray Street
Alexandria, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Gravel:

Thank you for your prompt response to my letter of January 31.

While we are very sorry that you find it impossible to accept membership on the Council, we can readily understand the heavy demands which your present position make upon upon you.

We are grateful for the fine stand you have taken on race relations and you have our every good wish for success in all your undertakings.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 10, 1958

Mr. J. Oscar Lee
Executive Director
Division of Christian Life and Work
Department of Racial and Cultural Relations
National Council of Churches in the USA
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Oscar:

Many thanks for your letter of February 6 advising me that you are prepared to recommend a contribution of $300 to the proposed joint fact-finding project. This is very welcome news.

We should know pretty well where we stand by the time of the Southern interagency meeting of February 25th and 26th. We can then take stock of the number of agencies that have indicated a willingness to participate and decide whether the project is feasible. I am hopeful that a sufficient number will come in to make the pro rata share of finances a modest one for all.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

bc: Mr. Will D. Campbell

February 10, 1958

Mr. Nelson Poynter
Editor and President
St. Petersburg Times
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dear Mr. Poynter:

Thanks for your prompt response to my letter of January 30.

While I am very sorry that you cannot accept membership on the Council, I can readily understand your unwillingness to accept a position to which you can give no time.

I do hope that I will have an opportunity to meet you one day real soon. Meanwhile, feel free to call on me if at any time the Council can be of service to you or to the St. Petersburg Times.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. Herbert Davidson

February 10, 1958

Mr. John H. Wheeler
President
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Many thanks for your two replies of February 8. We are keenly aware of the many demands that you must have to turn down and thus are all the more appreciative of your willingness to serve on the Executive Committee.

I am also happy to learn that you expect to be in Durham on February 27 and can give Vernon Eagle some time in the course of that day. I can think of no one I would rather have him talk with while he is in the South.

With appreciation and kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL

February 10, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
The New World Foundation
20 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

Since you will be setting in on at least part of the interagency meeting week after next, it occurred to me that you might want to glance over the enclosed minutes of the last meeting.

In a telephone conversation today Dave Freeman mentioned that you might be in New York Thursday and Friday of this week. I expect to be there at the same time for several meetings and will hope that our paths may cross.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL

February 10, 1958

Dr. Harry Meserve
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
Room 5600
New York 20, New York

Dear Dr. Meserve:

Suddenly, as usual, I find I am to be in New York for the latter part of this week. I will be there from mid-afternoon Wednesday until Friday evening.

While I doubt that you need anything further from me until your Board has an opportunity to act on our proposal, I would not want to come to New York without letting you know. I will call you Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning to see if there is any way I can be useful. If not, please don't feel that you must make any effort to work me into your schedule.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 10, 1958

Dr. M.A.F. Ritchie
Office of the President
Hartwick College
Oneonta, New York

Dear Miller:

Many thanks for your good letter. I too enjoyed the luncheon during the Christmas vacation. It is always good to be with old friends and find that they are still the same basic fine people. In your case I note considerable growth and development and expect even greater things from you in the future, and yet basically you are the same easy going, nice guy with whom I used to teach and buddy around. That, sir, is quite an accomplishment.

I share with you a sense of distress over the lack of community services offered by the Department at the University of Miami. It is obvious that the administration has finally ahcieved what it set out for -- that is, a non-controversial department. I hasten to add that "non-controversial" in times such as these usually means "insignificant." It was good that you had a chance to talk with Ben Bronston, but I fear Ben is not very knowledgeable in the field of human relations. He is well motivated and generous but is fairly easily lead, even into questionable paths, by administrators.

I am happy that things go so well for you and Jo and family at Hartwick College. Thank fortune that Betsy can now face the cold winters more easily.

The best of everything to all of you and regards to Gerry and his good spouse.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

February 10, 1958

Dean C. G. Gomillion
Division of Social Sciences
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee, Alabama

Dear Dean Gomillion:

Paul Anthony, the Administrative Assistant to the Southern Regional Council, will attend the annual meeting of the Alabama Council on February 15th. He will review recent events in the South and developments among the state organizations and SRC.

Warm regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

CC: Rev. Robert E. Hughes

FBR:fcl

February 10, 1958

Mr. William G. Shannon, Executive Director
Encampment for Citizenship
2 West 64th Street
New York 23, N.Y.

Dear Bill:

Thanks for your good letter and the packet of materials which has also come. The Southern Regional Council and the cooperating state agencies will be glad to participate again in the Encampment's program. I will distribute these materials through the various state organizations.

I will ask the State Directors to be in touch with you directly. This is the procedure you or Alex suggested last year and I believe it was more manageable than our previous arrangement. Please keep me advised as you accept people nominated by the state organizations or by SRC itself.

It is good to know that the plans for expansion into the San Francisco Bay area have culminated in success. For the first year it would probably be best to use the San Francisco camp for candidates from the west coast and as far east as Denver and area. After the shake-down period it would be good for students from the east to get to the west coast and probably for the students from the west to get to New York. The only difficulty with this, of course, is the high cost of transportation. The more a person, particularly a young person, sees of the nation, the more impressed he will be with its diversity and its immense wealth of human resources.

You asked if you could come down late in February to speak with the Encampment friends in Atlanta. The answer is, of course, yes, come on down. On February 25-26 there is an interagency conference being held here ih Atlanta of agencies working for desegregation. We could probably squeeze you on to the agenda to announce the Encampment scholarship plans for this summer.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

February 10, 1958

Mr. L. Maynard Catchings
National Student Council of the YMCA
291 Broadway
New York 7, N.Y.

Dear Maynard Catchings:

Thank you for the National Student Councils' newsletter "Our Concern." It is a fine little bulletin which I am sure helps keep alive interest in the program.

Please feel free to call on me in the future for assistance in any of the special seminars.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

February 10, 1958

Rev. W. Landiss
Assistant Pastor
Glenn Memorial Methodist Church
1976 North Decatur Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bill:

A note of apology. It is a cardinal principle with me in talking with a group such as the older youth class to have adequate opportunity for discussion. I was more than a little surprised to find that time had run out and greatly chagrined to find later that my watch was slow by a full fifteen minutes. It has been dismissed from serviceas unsuited for further watching.

It was real good to be with you and the group.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

February 10, 1958

Mr. Jack Sessions, Secretary
Workers' Education Local 189
Room 202, 1710 Broadway
New York 19, N.Y.

Dear Jack:

Other than being a great distance from the Washington-New York hub I can think of no reason for not being nominated for the Local's Executive Board.

It is with real regret, however, that I will miss the up-coming Local meeting due to an important educational institute sponsored by the Virginia State AFL-CIO. Please convey my best wishes to officers and members alike when you are assembled in New York.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

February 10, 1958

Miss Helen Thomas
71 Deepwood Drive
Chappaqua, New York

Dear Miss Thomas:

Dr. Mitchell has retired from Southern Regional Council and your letter to him has been referred to me.

Enclosed is an informational folder concerning Southern Regional Council and its views. Two other publications which might help you also are enclosed. These are "Three Views of the Segregation Decisions" and "Next Steps in the South." The cost of these publications is thirty cents, which may be remitted in coins or stamps. Also enclosed is our Publications Listings which may be of additional help to you.

If we can be of further help, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encls.

February 10, 1958

Mr. Sol. H. Cohn
Counselor At Law
305 Broadway
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Cohn:

Our records do not reveal the name of the attorney in the South Carolina lynching case.

However, the Negro's name was Norris Dendy and the lynching was July 4, 1933 in Clinton, Laurens county, South Carolina. The Records and Research Department of Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama might possibly be able to turn up the attorney's name for you. Tuskegee has kept rather complete records on lynchings.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

February 10, 1958

Librarian
Bennett College
Millbrook, New York

Dear Madam:

Enclosed is a copy of our Publication Listings which might be of help to you in selecting some of our materials for your students' use.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

Same letter sent to:

Mrs. John W. Curry
163 S Coit Street
Florence, S. C.

February 10, 1958

Mrs. Robert L. Wilcox
Christian Social Relations
2205 Old Knoxville Highway
Maryville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Wilcox:

Enclosed you will find the sheet resulting from our conference. I would suggest that you ask each conference to send out about a half dozen from each district, and see what comes back.

At any rate feel free to use them any way you wish, only let me know how many copies you need.

I am glad you are going to be with the Atlanta group in the workshop.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

February 10, 1958

Mr. Louis H. Deer
United Christian Missionary Society
222 South Downey
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Mr. Deer:

At a recent meeting of a few South wide leaders of women groups studying the increasing number of bills going to the legislature to limit registration and voting, the enclosed study sheet was adopted. We are sending a copy of it to the state leaders of women organizations to see if they can use it. I hope they will find it possible to use it.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encl.

February 10, 1958

Reverend Miss Annie Campbell
673 Piedmont Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Campbell:

I regret that neither you or Mrs. Albright were able to be with us when we met together to discuss the various bills that have been introduced to curb registration and voting. Out of the meeting came the enclosed sheet to be used. Do you think you could use it, if so let me know how many copies you desire and they will be sent to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encl.

February 10, 1958

Miss Charlotte R. French
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss French:

Thank you so much for the information about the little crosses. You are always more than good to me and through the years have rendered many favors for me. Please know that I appreciate them and love you all the more.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

February 10, 1958

Miss Thelma Stevens
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Thelma:

After we mailed the packet to you of the voting and registration requirements we found we had left out Louisiana, but I hope it reached your office before your packet was made up. As for the sheet of the Fellowship of the Concerned attached to the voting requirements bill, this plan was made in the meeting in which both Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Wilcox were present.

Be assured we are not trying to use the Woman's Division to propagandize the Fellowship of the Concerned.

I will be in New York on Friday of this week and will call your office.

Sincerely,

Mrs. [redacted] Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

February 10, 1958

Mrs. Esther Stamats
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mrs. Stamats:

I will be in New York on Friday the 14th and would like very much to discuss some of our Southern problems and some action proposed by The Fellowship of the Concerned. I am leaving here Wednesday for Washington, so will not be able to hear from you. However, I will call you when I reach New York.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

February 10, 1958

Mrs. Ben Russell
824 Tusculum Boulevard
Greenville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Russell:

This is the sheet that has finally come out of the small committee following our meeting together. If you can use this let me know how many copies to send you. If you want to revise it to suit your needs - just send us your "revised edition" and let us know how many copies you need and we will mimeograph them and send them to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

February 10, 1958

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sifton
Walker Building
734 - 15th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Friends:

I will be in Washington Thursday afternoon of this week and will call you. I hope I may see you.

Hurriedly,

MET:lec

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

February 11, 1958

Mr. William H. Oliver
Co-Director, Fair Practices Department
United Automobile Workers
8000 East Jefferson Street
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Bill:

Enclosed is a statement of expenses incurred while the international union team was visiting Atlanta. It totals $35.92. Also enclosed is the final schedule which the team followed during their visit to Atlanta. I have put in extra copies in case they are of use to you.

Though we were a bit rushed we were most happy to have this team with us. It was a good group and we feel they did as well by their time here as was possible. They had a general orientation to the Southern region, a look at Negro action efforts, and an intensive look at Atlanta's problems and prospects.

The UAW boys did nobly well. They provided a bus for the tour of housing and auto transportation for the other meetings. Each of the interviews was a profitable experience in and of itself. Perhaps the most notable occasion was the dinner with the local regional UAW leadership. This provided the team with its first opportunity to get to know each other and to discuss common problems on an international level of the automotive industry and specific companies. It was evidently the first occasion that some of the team members had to hear the other members talk about home.

Continued . . . . .

Mr. William H. Oliver February 11, 1958

I was certainly impressed that Mattson and Vega were doing an able and steady job. All agreed that the time in Atlanta was more than adequately filled and professed to be thoroughly bushed by Wednesday evening.

I hope your own trip into Atlanta worked out all right and I am sorry to have missed you.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosures.

EFV:fcl

February 11, 1958

Expense statement to UAW for international union team visit to Atlanta, February 4th through 6th, 1958, submitted by the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

Refreshments for team and guests for two evenings	$34.57
Incidental travel expenses	1.35
	$35.92

February 11, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: Ruth House Alexander

From: Emory F. Via

Re: Expenses in connection with international union team visit

It is my understanding that you have reimbursed Fred Routh for $20.50 and Machion Garrison for $30.00 for expenses incurred in connection with the international union team. I have this day sent the enclosed bill to the UAW for reimbursement. I am purchasing $17.75 worth of surplus refreshments. I will owe you that amount less the $1.35 due to me for incidental travel expenses. Attached is my check for $16.40. Thank you ma'am.

Same letter sent to:
Mrs.W. W. Thrasher
Mrs. D. D. Dugan
Mrs. H. H. Settle
Mrs. James R. Beach
Miss Mary Ellen White

February 11, 1958

Mrs. J. D. Conwell
1649 Eighth Avenue, W
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Conwell:

I regret that you were not able to be with us when we met together to discuss the various bills that have been introduced to curb registration and voting. Out of the meeting came the enclosed sheet to be used. Do you think you could use it, if so let me know how many copies you desire and they will be sent to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encl.

VIA AIR MAIL February 11, 1958

Mrs. E. U. Robinson
Woman's Division of Christian Service
Board of Missions of The Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

We would be most happy if your schedule made it possible for you to be with us for the interagency meeting of February 25th and 26th. Approximately ten social agencies and three religious organizatinns will be represented.

In the past, the WSCS has been represented by Mrs. Wilcox, though we have not heard from her concerning this meeting. Earlier, Miss Stevens requested that notices of our interagency meetings be sent to you, Mrs. Wilcox, Mrs. Ralph Wilson and Mrs. H. B. Trimble. It is quite possible that their receipt of these memoranda has caused some confusion. However, Mrs. Wilcox and Mrs. Wilson are to be in Atlanta later this month and it is likely that they will be unable to attend this meeting.

The meeting, as a continuation of earlier meetings, will consider further joint action on the questions of voting, government contracts and employment, a proposed inter-religious conference,

and the possibility of securing legal advice for Southern based social action agencies.

The general interagency effort is, of course, desirous of having the cooperation of the WDCS and of knowing the thinking and planning in those areas which has been made by the WDCS. For these reasons, you might want at some future date to designate one person who could attend most regularly and who could serve as a liason person.

At this late date, it may well not be possible for you to attend the forthcoming meeting. If this is the case, we will see that you receive a copy of the minutes of the meeting. And, perhaps we can investigate further the possibility of closer association with these joint efforts. We remain impressed with the tremendous good work of the WDCS and we are extremely grateful for the close cooperation between the Woman's Division and SRC. For these reasons I feel that the interagency group would greatly profit from your counsel and from knowing of the wide variety of the work done by you. We know too if the considerable travel and work load under which you and the other representatives labor. Therefore, any lack of representation is more than understood.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

February 12, 1958

Mr. Frank Loescher
414 South 46th Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

I'm sending this against your return from South Africa.

As you will see, we have submitted a request for $5,000 from the Chace Fund for three years, with a covering letter from Dabbs to Evans and a supporting letter by Tartt Bell. No acknowledgement yet, as of this writing. I hope we have cast the right kind of proposal.

I hear from Dave that your trip has met with great success. I'm eager to hear about it on your return.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Chace Fund Proposal)

February 12, 1958

Mr. Louis Joughin
Assistant Director
American Civil Liberties Union
170 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Joughin:

We are happy to know that you and Mr. Watts will be with us for the forthcoming interagency meeting.

We do not have copies of the agenda. However, Mrs. Ruby Hurley, chairman of the meeting, informs us that the following areas will be covered: the joint fact-finding project concerning violence, intimidation, and reprisals; government contracts and employment; a proposed inter-religious conference; voter registration programs and projects; reports on and discussion of possible interagency action in Dallas, Knoxville, Miami, and several Virginia cities; and the proposed legal aid plan.

We have made reservations for you at Atlanta University on the night of February 25. Meals will also be available.

We look forward to seeing you on the 25th and 26th.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

February 12, 1958

Mr. Benjamin D. Segal, Director
Trade Union Program on Civil Liberties
and Rights
1244 Nineteenth Street, N.W. Room 301
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Ben:

The March conference is not in hand and it would be highly advisable from my point of view to postpone it until April. I will give you alternative dates soon.

I trust this will meet with your approval. I can see no other way for successfully making the proper arrangements and promotion.

I will be in Arkansas this weekend, in Virginia next weekend, and again in Virginia the week of March 10th. Perhaps on that occasion I will get some time with you.

The interagency meeting will be here on the 25th and 26th February. The morning of the 25th is tentatively scheduled for an interagency confab on merit employment, with some representation from the President's Committee. On the 24th a few of us are meeting with the regional and national AFSC job opportunity people to consult on their program.

I think that my first Virginian AFL-CIO stint in Roanoke went quite well. I am indeed very sorry that I will miss the Washington's birthday affair and trust that you will give my sincere regards and best wishes to the AFTers assembled.

Continued . . .

Mr. Benjamin D. Segal February 12, 1958

I can imagine that your schedule has been more than rushed with the burdens of work plus settling into new organizational frames. Our continued best wishes in this and all other matters.

You have not mentioned receiving my annual report. This is of importance only for two reasons: one, for me to know that you actually did get it, and, two, if there is something more or different which you would like to have.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

February 12, 1958

Miss Jean Fairfax
American Friends Service Committee
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Jean Fairfax:

The arrangements for the meeting of the 24th are in order. It would be more convenient and perhaps more comfortable to have the day-time meetings in the Southern Regional Council's conference room. A good sandwich lunch could be brought in. You are so invited, and we will plan on that basis unless we hear otherwise from you.

The evening meeting for dinner with Phil Hammer will be at Atlanta University. I trust that these arrangements suit: but don't hesitate to request a change.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

P.S. Overnight reservations for the 24th have been made for three men and three women.

EFV:fcl

February 12, 1958

Mr. Herbert Hill
Labor Secretary
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, N.Y.

Dear Herb:

Nothing turned up from my enquiries regarding your recent telephone request. Sorry. I will keep especially tuned for helpful information for possible future use.

Interestingly enough, I have just had an overture from a high official with the Laundry Workers wanting to know what they could do towards pushing for merit employment and supprting the constructive moves of the President's Committee.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

February 12, 1958

Mr. Thurgood Marshall
Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.
NAACP
107 West Forty-Third Street
New York 36, N.Y.

Dear Thurgood:

I tried to call you today but you were out of the office, and my trying to reach you at home was also unsuccessful. I did talk with Jack Greenberg, however.

The purpose of my call was to discuss with you the proposals which Christopher Mercer will bring to you from Little Rock. The proposal is to seek court injunction naming specific white students enjoining them from harassing Negro students at Central High.

The Chairman of our state group, the Rev. Colbert Cartwright, and the Executive Director, Nat Griswold, both feel this would be a helpful move. They feel though it would have some impact in the community it would take the initiative away from the pro-segregation groups and throw it back to those seeking compliance with the court decision.

Chris Mercer, who is now NAACP field representative in Arkansas, is the former Associate Director of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations, our state affiliate. It is my understanding that he is en route to New York to see you and apparently would not be coming had he not made an appointment. It is my understanding he will be there the morning of February 13th.

Continued . . .

Mr. Thurgood Marshall February 12, 1958

There is some feeling on the part of our people out there that the school administration may use the disciplinary question to oust the Negro children from the school and ask the court for a delay in compliance. This would play directly into the hands of the segregationist element in the State Legislature. They would then take legislative steps to delay further desegregation in Little Rock.

We have heard, off the record, that the parents of Minnie Jean have been asked to withdraw her voluntarily from the school to assist in maintaining discipline. We think this would be most unwise and would only encourage the unlawful element among the whites in the school.

I am no legal authority so don't know if the proposals Chris Mercer will make are possible. But as a person with some community organization experience I believe, on the basis of the information now at hand, that such action would be constructive and desirable.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

February 12, 1958

Miss Annie Tait Jenkins
341- A Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Annie Tait:

I have read your summary of our meeting held some weeks ago, and as I told you each group may formulate the study as it wishes. This is embodied in what you sent to me.

As I told you if you wish us to, we will mimeograph for you what you want to send to your women.

With the best of wishes to you, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

February 12, 1958

Georgia Council on Human Relations
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Attn: Mrs. Luesta Knox

Dear Mrs. Knox:

How thoughtful of the Georgia Council to give us so handsome an office-warming present. The plant adds just the right touch of life and greenery to our workaday surroundings. At the moment, it has an honored place in my office, but it is clear to all that it is SRC's evidence of the friendship and mutual support of our two organizations.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL

February 12, 1958

Miss Harriett Evison
Assistant Secretary
William C. Whitney Foundation
20 Broad Street
New York 5, New York

Dear Miss Evison:

I hope that you and Mr. Rose will accept my apologies for this delay in forwarding our Annual Report of Program Activities for 1957.

The new year started for us with a series of unexpected emergency situations in which the Council was heavily involved, and we have only just managed to complete the report.

If you have questions that the report leaves unanswered, please call on me for more information.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/smf
Enclosures - 3 (1957 Annual Report)

February 12, 1958

Mr. Morris Abram
515 Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

Confirming my conversation with you sometime ago, the Methodist women representatives from Georgia and South Carolina are meeting at Kresge Hall, Clark College, Friday, February 28. We have you listed as the speaker for that evening at 7:30. I suggest however, that both you and Jane come and have dinner with us. This will be a great service you are rendering.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

February 12, 1958

Mrs. Paul Pfuetze
Athens, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Pfuetze:

Confirming my conversation with you, I would like for you to be at our workshop of some Methodist leaders of Georgia and South Carolina, February 27, 28 and March 1.

Mrs. Trimble is really chairman of this workshop. Her address is Mrs. H. B. Trimble, Box 725, Emory University, Georgia. I am leaving today for Washington and New York and will not be back until Sunday, so if you need to, you may contact her. I want you to know that I am delighted over the possibility of you being with us.

Love and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

February 12, 1958

Mr. William Peters
921 Grant Avenue
Pelham Manor, New York

Dear Bill:

Harold asked me to send you this material before he left for New York. Sorry it is not as complete as I know you would like. We do not have the complete text of the first speech Roy Harris made in Little Rock, but we are mailing you what we have. The second speech made there is paraphrased rather fully in the clipping from the Augusta Courier, which is enclosed.

Enclosed you will find a clipping from the Atlanta Constitution giving Harris' background. If this is not full enough, please let me know and I will try to dig up some more material. The other material is self-explanatory.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encls.

This letter sent to: Dr. Alexander Lesser, Association on American Indian Affairs
Mr. D'Arcy McNickle
Miss Helen L. Peterson, National Congress of American Indians
Mr. Stephen Carey, AFSC
Mr. Galen Weaver, Congregational Christian Churches
Will Campbell

February 13, 1958

Dr. Alexander Lesser
Association on American Indian Affairs
48 East 86th Street
New York 28, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Lesser:

Because of the interest of your organization in Indian affairs I am sending you a copy of a letter we recently received. It concerns the Choctaw Indian Reservation near Philadelphia, Mississippi. Apparently the situation there is deplorable.

I am writing a number of people who belong to organizations interested in Indian affairs with the hope that something may be done to investigate this situation. I am also writing to our former affiliated organization in the state of Mississippi.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.

FBR:fcl

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
Atlanta, Georgia

MEMORANDUM

February 13, 1958

To: State Directors
Human Relations Councils

From: Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

Re: Boy Scouts of America - Interracial Relations.

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Attached is a copy of a letter recently received from Mr. Ray W. Sweazey, National Director, Interracial Relations, Boy Scouts of America.

It occurs to us that events may take place in your area which should be called to the attention of Mr. Sweazey. We will be happy to forward to him any information you may want to call to his attention now or in the future.

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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Ray W. Sweazey, Director
A. J. Taylor, Assistant Director

January 30, 1958

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

It was good meeting both you and Mr. Anthony in Atlanta last week. I appreciate your helpful cooperation and assure you any help you folks can give us in connection with our efforts to learn more facts about our field of work and the current population shifts that are taking place will be sincerely appreciated.

As you have opportunity to be alerted to any situations where local Scouting people may need assistance and guidance in the area of racial relationships, we shall be grateful if you will share this information with us. Sometimes this news reaches us much too late for us to be of service as we would like to be.

With kind regards and good wishes,

Cordially yours,
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
Interracial Relationships

Ray W. Sweazey
National Director

RWS:cb

This letter sent to: Dr. Alexander Lesser, Association on American Indian Affairs
Mr. D'Arcy McNickle
Miss Helen L. Peterson, National Congress of American Indians
Mr. Stephen Carey, AFSC
Mr. Galen Weaver, Congregational Christian Churches
Will Campbell

February 13, 1958

Mr. D'Arcy McNickle
205 Devon Place
Bolder, Colorado

Dear D'Arcy:

Because of the interest of your organization in Indian affairs I am sending you a copy of a letter we recently received. It concerns the Choctaw Indian Reservation near Philadelphia, Mississippi. Apparently the situation there is deplorable.

I am writing a number of people who belong to organizations interested in Indian affairs with the hope that something may be done to investigate this situation. I am also writing to our former affiliated organization in the state of Mississippi.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.

FBR:fcl

February 13, 1958

Mrs. R. S. Lyells
Mississippi State Council on Human Relations
P.O. Box 9096
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Ruby:

The enclosed letter came in the mails the other day and we are anxious that something be done to check into this situation. If you have time personally, or if one of your Board members lives near to Philadelphia, Mississippi, it would be helpful to have someone visit the reservation and find out what the score is.

I hope things go well for you and the Mississippi State Council.

With every good wish.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.

FBR:FCL

February 13, 1958

Mr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Southern Leadership Conference
530 South Union Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. King:

Your recent article, "Out of the Long Night of Segregation," strikes me as something our readers would be interested in and so I would like permission to reprint the article in NEW SOUTH. I have written Mr. Brown of the Presbyterian Outlook for the magazine's permission.

Any consideration in this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

February 13, 1958

Mr. Aubrey N. Brown, Editor
The Presbyterian Outlook
1 North 6th Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brown:

I would like permission to reprint in NEW SOUTH the article "Out of the Long Night of Segregation" by Martin Luther King, Jr., in the February 10, 1958, edition of the Presbyterian Outlook. I am writing Mr. King for his permission.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Other materials sent:
Changing Patterns
Next Steps
What the Supreme Court Said
Louisville Story

February 13, 1958

Reverend Richard E. Price, Jr.
First Baptist Church
Third and Downey
Radford, Virginia

Dear Mr. Price:

Thank you for your letter of February 11, and your request for some of our material. We are mailing you, under separate cover, twenty-five copies of the pamphlet "Three Views of the Segregation Decisions," twenty-five copies of the speech by our former president, Marion Wright, and twenty-five copies of our Publication Listings. We are also sending you some additional material for your own use. A good book, in case you do not already know of it, is "The Kingdom Beyond Caste" by Liston Pope. It is published by the Friendship Press, New York City.

If we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate writing.

With best wishes for your conference.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

February 13, 1958

Mrs. John A. Osoinach
1822 South Parkway East
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Osoinach:

Thank you for your letter of February 10th calling to our attention the deplorable situation at the Choctaw Indian Reservation near Philadelphia, Mississippi.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to a number of organizations which are primarily interested in Indian affairs. Some of them may be in contact with you. I am attaching a list of the people to whome I have written regarding this situation so that you may contact them further if you think it necessary. I have alerted the Executive Director of our former state affiliate in Mississippi of this situation.

Thank you for calling this to our attention. It is through reports from concerned people that we learn of much that must be done in the field of human relations.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.

FBR:fcl

Persons contacted regarding situation at Choctaw Indian Reservation near Philadelphia, Mississippi:

Miss Helen L. Peterson
National Congress of American Indians
815 DuPont Circle Building
Washington 6, D.C.

Dr. Alexander Lesser
Association on American Indian Affairs
48 East 86th Street
New York 28, N.Y.

Mr. Stephen Carey
American Friends Service Committee
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 8, Pennsylvania

Mr. Galen Weaver
Race Relations Department
Congregational Christian Churches
287 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, N.Y.

Mr. D'Arcy McNickle
205 Devon Place
Bolder, Colorado

Mrs. R. S. Lyells, Executive Director
Mississippi State Council on Human Relations
P.O. Box 9096
Jackson, Mississippi

+ Will Campbell

February 13, 1958

Superintendent of Documents
U.S. Government Printing Office
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Will you please send us a copy of the most recent issue of the Directory of National and International Labor Unions in the United States. The last one we had was dated 1955, and was issued as Bulletin No. 1185 of the Department of Labor, and we hope very much that there is an up to date directory available.

I enclose 45¢ in coin in payment.

Sincerely,

Faith C. Lawson
Secretary to Labor Consultant

FCL:s

February 13, 1958

Mr. Otto Pragan
International Chemical Workers Union
1659 W. Market Street
Akron 13, Ohio

Dear Otto:

By some crossing of synaptic connections I referred to "Fortuna Village" in my letter of February 7th instead of "Fontana Village". The latter is correct. Sorry to be so slow in catching this.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

February 13, 1958

Mr. Carl Megel
President
American Federation of Teachers
28 East Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Carl:

Enclosed is the clip announcing Derthick's appearance in Atlanta. It seems too bad for a high U.S. official, even for brotherly reasons, to lend himself to a group so openly bucking democratic practice.

I thought this information might be of interest to you, hence my wire earlier today.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosure.

EFV:fcl

February 13, 1958

Mr. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N.E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

It was good to talk with you in Winter Park the other day. I believe 30,000 copies of the speech will impress the west coast people with our serious intentions. Certainly we can take at least 15,000 up here for distribution. If you want us to take 20,000 we can.

The information about the legislative hearing comes as something of a shock, though hardly a surprise. Please keep us fully informed of all developments regarding this. Feel free to call us collect any time an emergency arises. I suggest you talk this whole things over with Hollis Rinehart and also the local representatives of the American Civil Liberties Union, Richard Finchell. It would also be helpful to have a meeting of your executive committee with legal counsel present prior to the hearing in case there is any instruction they wish to give you as their representative. Best of luck, and I know you will come through with flying colors. We have nothing to hide. We seek only to uphold the law of the land as defined by the Supreme Court and we are as opposed to communist subversion as we are to white citizens' council subversion of American tradition and law.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

February 14, 1958

Mr. and Mrs. James Stokely
405 Clifton Heights
Newport, Tennessee

Dear Wilma and Jim:

Thanks for the card letting us know about Jim's appearance on "This is your life". Those of us on the staff who saw the show were much impressed with the good doctor's valuable contribution to the people of eastern Tennessee and we were particularly happy with Jim's obviously sincere warm feelings for him.

Such appearances on national hook-ups demonstrate that there is not a solid South of bigotry and apartheid.

Best wishes to you both.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

February 14, 1958

Miss Evelyn H. Roberts
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
4644 Lee Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Evelyn:

We would appreciate for our files the publicity packet you had pulled together but had not completed when I was in St. Louis.

Whenever I think of St. Louis it is with a warm glow, in spite of deep snow and cold weather, because of the friendliness with which I was received by the members of AKA.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

February 18, 1958

Mr. Benjamin D. Segal
Education Director
International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers
1126 16th Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Ben:

Thanks for the letter. My schedule prohibits my coming to Washington either immediately prior or following the Virginia stint. I am sorry. Part of the reason is personal in that Margaret fell while in Macon and dislocated her left elbow and I am still in the process of seeing she gets resettled in Atlanta.

I do think we should get together and I am hoping you will be able to make the meeting on the 25th. My next visit close to Washington will come during the week of March 9th when Fred and I will tour the Virginia cities. My only other possibility for seeing you right away would be for just a few hours on the afternoon of the 23rd, but I would guess you might not be back from New York and I have to be on tap in Atlanta early the morning of the 24th.

There is one matter that I would like to have your advice on right away relative to fund raising. If I am not to see you on the 25th I would appreciate an answer at your earliest convenience. This has to do with our request to the AFL-CIO, the ILGWU, and the UAW. Our budgetary inclinations in terms of need and in the way we would like to spread the basis of support is to request again from the AFL-CIO a contribution of $5,000. We made a similar request last year and they upped the amount from $2,000 to $3,000. The ILGWU has been contributing $500 and we would like to request $1,000. I believe Al Kehrer and others will aid us in this regard. In spite of UAW's current financial problems we are in-

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Mr. Benjamin D. Segal February 18, 1958

clined to ask them for $2,000 which is double their last grant. If you see any difficulties inherent in these proposals or have suggestions for their implementation please pass them on.

My love to the family.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

February 18, 1958

Rev. Edwin G. Kloppe
Executive Director
Texas Council on Human Relations
407 West 27th Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Kloppe:

Mr. Routh has asked me to send you, under separate cover, twenty copies of the most recent issue of the SRC Newsletter, with a request that you distribute them among your Board members.

I would be most grateful if you could let me have a list of the names and addresses of the Board members appointed at the recent meeting of the Texas Council on Human Relations so that in future I may mail the Newsletter to them direct from this office along with those for all the other state organizations.

Sincerely,

Faith C. Lawson
Secretary to Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FCL:s

Encls. Congressional Reprint
SRC History and Aims
Annual Report - 1957
South of Promise

VIA AIR MAIL

February 18, 1958

Miss Melinda Chantry
Studebaker Hall
La Verne College
La Verne, California

Dear Miss Chantry:

In the absence of Dr. Mitchell, who has retired and now lives in Scotland, your letter of the 10th has been referred to me.

Accordingly, we are enclosing several pieces of material on the Council, its background and current activities. You should begin receiving New South with the current issue.

We are grateful for your interest and will be happy to be of any additional help that may be possible.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

February 18, 1958

Mr. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N. E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

I assume that during the day today Harold Fleming will be able to reach you by phone. If so, you will understand the purpose of the enclosed material.

Since J. B. Matthews has been responsible for several attacks on the Council and its board members, it is entirely possible that he will draw SRC into the current hearings. Therefore, it seems wise that you have material which will allow you to refute effectively any charges he may make against the Council and against the Florida Council by virtue of its association with SRC. We are not suggesting that you release this material or make use of it unless it is necessary. If, however, it does become necessary, the enclosed material, largely setting straight the facts about the Council and its membership, should put you in good shape to refute any charges against SRC.

Among the materials enclosed is our most recent list of board members. They are identified by profession on the list. If any of these names should arise, you might make a particular effort to identify the people and their work.

We are all interested and concerned about your situation and if there is the least possibility that we can be of further help, let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
enclosures

Statement for Meeting of Trustees of Wesley Mem. Bldg.
Thomas Waring editorial & HCF ltr. of June 28, 1957
MAW's ltr. to W. M. Rainach, dtd. April 24, 1957
Firing Line Analysis
List of Board Members attacked by Hearst Journal-American of Nov. 8, 1955
Augusta Courier Analysis
3 copies - Congressional Record Reprint
2 copies - SRC History and Aims
Current Board List
Thermo. copy of ltr. from Francis E. Walter (House Un-American Acitivies Committee)

February 19, 1958

Mr. David Ziskind
756 South Broadway
Los Angeles 14, California

Dear Mr. Ziskind:

We are most grateful for your contribution to the Southern Regional Council. Enclosed is our official receipt.

Under separate cover we are sending you several pieces of material which describe the Council and its current program. If we can be of further help or supply additional information, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures - N. Y. Times Reprint
Annual Report, SRC - 1957
Congressional Record Reprint
Official receipt

February 19, 1958

Mr. Francis Shane
United Steelworkers of America
1500 Commonwealth Building
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

It was good to be with you in Pittsburgh and I much appreciate the fine dinner. I have talked with Emory and Harold about our discussions and they are enthusiastic. Emory tells me that he has already sent you the SRC Annual Report so I won't burden you with another copy. I am sending, however, two things which I believe will be of interest to you. One is a speech by M. A. Wright, Immediate Past President of SRC, and the other is a sermon delivered in New Orleans by Father Kanealy at The Red Mass, October 1, 1956.

Harold has written a good analytical piece on the South which appeared in The Progressive Magazine (February 8, 1958). I am sure you get The Progressive at the Steelworkers, so I won't send you a copy, but I do believe it would be worth your while to read this.

My trip up to Youngstown was profitable and the group was alert and interesting. Thus, my

stay in the North this trip was more than worthwhile.

With every good wish,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf

February 19, 1958

Mrs. Josephine D. Murphy
Atlanta University Dormitory
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Murphy:

I am enclosing a copy of our Annual Report of program activities for 1957. It occurred to me that since we so frequently call on you and your staff, that you should know something of the work to which you have contributed a great deal.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/smf
Enclosure - 1 (Annual Report, SRC - 1957)

February 19, 1958

Miss J. Margaret Carter
National Council of Churches of Christ
in the U. S. A.
Broadcasting and Film Commission
220 Fifth Avenue
New York 1, New York

Dear Miss Carter:

In the absence of Mr. Fleming, your letter of the 17th has been called to my attention.

Enclosed is a list, with addresses, of the state councils of human relations - formerly affiliated with SRC. It occurs to us that each of the state groups might be able to use a modest supply of the flyer.

We find the flyer attractive and well done and it is good to know that you are doing this work.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1 (List of State Councils)

February 19, 1958

Mrs. Lillian A. Friedberg
Corresponding Secretary
Allegheny County Council on Civil Rights
200 Ross Street, Room 1108
Pittsburgh 19, Pennsylvania

Dear Lillian:

It was very pleasant to be with the Allegheny County Council on Civil Rights during their 10th Annual Meeting. I was much impressed with the panel of local people who related developments in the field of civil rights to the greater Pittsburgh community.

I believe one of the important things we do through the Southern Regional Council is interpret to non-Southern audiences developments in the South. All too often, due to the type of coverage given by newspapers, people outside our region have a distorted view of developments here.

I am sending along a statement of my expenses. You will note that there is no charge for the hotel since they told me you had already paied for it and I need only sign the bill. I trust that you feel my participation was worth the expense of bringing me up. From my point of

view the meeting was worth more than the time and energy I put into it.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Statement of Expenses)

original & copies to HCF.

February 19, 1958

Mr. Harry S. Ashmore
Executive Editor
The Arkansas Gazette
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Harry:

The Lord bless you and make His face to shine upon you, for you have wedded truth and poetry for His name's sake.

If the New York Foundation doesn't come through now, there's no justice under heaven.

Yours in awe and appreciation,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Materials sent to Miss Martha Mackie
P. O. Box 353
Guilford College, N. C.

History & Aims of SRC
South of Promise
Annual Report, SRC - 1957
Organizations & Personnel Engaged in Human Relations...
~~Special Report on Resistance Groups~~ no copies available
Negro Voter...
Next Steps
Cong. Record Reprint
New York Times Reprint

February 19, 1958

Mr. Wade M. Mackie
Director - Merit Employment Program
American Friends Service Committee
1608 Government Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Wade Mackie:

Thanks for your recent letter asking us to send material about the Southern Regional Council to your good daughter, Martha. This we are doing, and without cost.

It was good to see you in Kansas City and when I next get out to Baton Rouge I will certainly stop by 1608 Government Street.

With every good wish,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Ruuth
Assistant Director

FBR/mf

February 19, 1958

Mr. Milton A. Rudin
6400 Sunset Boulevard
Los Angeles 28, California

Dear Mr. Rudin:

In the absence of Mr. Harold Fleming, the Executive Director, I would like to express the Council's appreciation for your recent contribution. Enclosed is our official receipt.

I am sure you will hear from Mr. Fleming on his return to the office.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official Receipt)

February 19, 1958

Mr. John V. P. Lassoe, Jr.
Executive Secretary
N. A. I. R. O.
152 West 42nd Street, Room 1508
New York 36, New York

Dear John:

I regret that I did not get to the NCRAC evaluation meeting in Philadelphia. I am happy, however, to hear that you contemplate another march through Georgia. We will be happy to welcome you but I fear the Governor would regard it much in the same manner as he would another person, whose name cannot be mentioned, who once marched from Atlanta to the sea.

The best dates during the first two weeks in March or the third through the seventh (3 - 7). I shall be out of Atlanta the following week. I hope this doesn't complicate matters too much.

Y'all come. Warm regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf

February 19, 1958

Mr. Hal G. Lewis
239 P. K. Younge Building
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Hal:

Thank you for your letter of the 11th asking me to come to Gainesville March 28 and 29. My calendar is vacant for those dates so it will be possible for me to come. As soon as you have the program prepared, please send me a copy. Our funds can be used for this type of meeting but it would be helpful if you could find lodging at the University for me. It may be that Guy Wells and I - if he goes - will drive down together.

I am impressed that you had 150 people at the workshop held last year. I trust with the improved conditions in Florida we will have an equal or even greater number of people in attendance this year.

I look forward to being with you for the workshop.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf

February 19, 1958

Rev. Hugh Brimm
Executive Director
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
4435 Blenheim Road
Louisville 7, Kentucky

Dear Hugh:

Many thanks for your letter with the list of interracial facilities in Kentucky. How fortunate you are that the situation is changing rapidly. I swear, I believe that Kentucky is going to rejoin the Union. When Georgia makes the same decision, I will look for a job elsewhere.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Rauth
Assistant Director

FBR/mf

February 19, 1958

Mr. Harry S. Jones
Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street, Rm. 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Thank you for your letter and the list of interracial facilities in the Charlotte area.

I have written Harry Golden expressing our deep regret of the loss of his house, his papers, books, and writings. Thanks for letting us know about this.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf

February 19, 1958

Mr. Harry L. Golden
Editor
THE CAROLINA ISRAELITE
P. O. Box 2505
Charlotte 1, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

I have just received a note from Harry Jones telling me of the deplorable situation in Charlotte. I refer, of course, to the burning of your house. It is bad enough to lose the building but the loss of your papers, your books, and your writings is even worse. Believe me, we here at the Council are deeply sorry. We will be happy to replace all back issues of New South without charge if yours were lost in the fire. Anything else we can do to help, please let us know.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf

original + copy returned to HCF

February 19, 1958

Mr. Ralph McGill
Editor
The Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ralph:

Many, many thanks for your good letter to Sol Markoff of the New York Foundation. What with your letter and an equally heart-warming one by Ashmore, they must surely come through.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 19, 1958

Mrs. L. L. Jackson
1413 Cleburn Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Jackson:

Thank you for your letter of February 11, following up our recent telephone conversation.

As far as I know at present, I will be available on June 26 and will be happy to participate in the institute for the women of the C. M. E. Church and the WDCS. In the unlikely event that any unforeseen obstacle to my presence should develop in the interim, I will undertake to arrange a suitable substitute from the Council's staff.

There is a problem concerning the topic which you have asked me to discuss. The Council, as a tax-exempt organization, scrupulously avoids any activity that might be interpreted as political in nature. For that reason, I am afraid it would be unwise for me to deal with the subject of community action designed to influence legislation. I could, of course, discuss informationally the legislation affecting race relations that has been enacted, as well as pertinent court decisions; but techniques of promoting or opposing legislation would be outside my scope.

Could you let me know more specifically what you have in mind and whether you feel the topic can be so cast as to avoid this problem?

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 19, 1958

Mr. Hallock Hoffman
Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Hallock:

This is a random query which I'd appreciate your passing on to the most appropriate staff person there.

Having read about the Fund's program in the Washington Post, Margaret Price wrote me to ask if I knew of any Fund activities in Washington which she might fit into. Margaret was the chief research-and-editorial person both in our voting study and in the earlier Loth-Fleming project. She is a very able and intelligent person with some years of experience as an Associated Press writer. Her husband, Ben, is with AP Newsfeatures in Washington and is regarded as their key man on the South and civil rights.

I can readily understand that your need for project personnel is limited, but if you should require a researcher or writer, part-time or full-time, in the Washington area, I would recommend Margaret Price very highly.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 19, 1958

Mr. Donald B. Watt, Jr.
45 Oval Avenue
Riverside, Connecticutt

Dear Don:

I was very glad to have your letter and the news of your new and admirable berth with my favorite magazine. I'm only sorry you were on sick list when I tried to reach you in New York last week. Maybe we'll have better luck next time.

I have written your friend's brother and sister as enclosed. There's really little we can suggest in the way of organized activity for people in small Deep South towns, but they might feel that receiving our publications would give them a sense of identity with like-minded Southerners elsewhere.

All the best to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (copy of ltr. to Mrs. Wm. M. Green)

Same ltr. to Mrs. William M. Green
900 Smith Street,
Rayville, Louisiana

bc to: Mr. Donald Watt

February 19, 1958

Mr. C. J. Ellis, Jr.
Rayville,
Louisiana

Dear Mr. Ellis:

Through my good friend Don Watt of New York, your sister has suggested that I write you about the work of the Southern Regional Council.

As you may know, the Council is an interracial organization of some years' standing which works for better race relations through its staff, headquartered in Atlanta, and associated state and local groups. Unfortunately, the Louisiana human relations effort is, for the time being, pretty well limited to the New Orleans area. But I thought you might be interested in the enclosed material describing the Council's program and publications.

If there is any way the Council can assist you in any of your community efforts, please call on me.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/s mf
Enclosures: Congressional Record Reprint
New York Times Reprint
<u>New South</u>, January/1958

February 19, 1958

Miss Martha Mackie
P.O. Box 353
Guilford College
Guilford College, North Carolina

Dear Martha Mackie:

At the request of your father, Wade Mackie, we are sending you, separately, a packet of materials on the Southern Regional Council.

We understand you are doing a paper for Dr. Gordon Lovejoy. Amohg the materials sent is a thermofax copy of a brief memo we sent Dr. Lovejoy on the contrast between the work in 1936 and in 1957. Since this would now be his frame of reference about our work I assume it would be helpful to you in your paper if you had a copy.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

February 19, 1958

Mr. Paul R. Christopher, Director
AFL-CIO Region 8
216 Flatiron Building
705 Broadway, N.E.
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

Your counsel would be appreciated regarding our request for a grant from the AFL-CIO for this year. We are contemplating again asking for $5,000; last year they met our request by upping their previous contribution from $2,000 to $3,000.

If you see any difficulty in this proposal we will go ahead. An early answer would be appreciated and whatever comment you might make regarding the implementation of the request would be most helpful.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

February 19, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: John Constable

From: Emory F. Via

Re: Materials available from SRC

While looking over the display of materials by the Arkansas Council on Human Relations I was impressed that they had some potentially useful pieces which I did not know, and although they had many of our materials there were some which we know about which they were not distributing.

It seems to me that it would be a useful service to circularize the various Human Relations Councils with a listing of materials which we feel are useful for various kinds of general distribution and solicit from them suggestions of material which we do not list that they have found useful, and in what connection.

From the above information we could put together either sample packets or just a listing of the various pieces and their uses which would be useful for us, for the Councils, and for other groups as well.

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February 19, 1958

Mr. Hallock Hoffman
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Hallock:

Many thanks for your letter of February 13 and the enclosures.

We are all gratitude for your reply to Dave Walden's inquiry. We could ask for no warmer or more wholehearted endorsement, and we could have no better aim than to deserve it. If the Hopkins Fund acts favorably, I'm sure your letter will be one of the prime reasons.

Paul Heim's proposal seems to have merit, if the Virginia Legislature passes the measure he describes. We will explore with him and with our Virginia people the best way of countering the effects of such an anti-registration law.

A. C. Miller has probably sent you has last bulletin, in which he replies to charges against the Christian Life Commission and the Fund for the Republic. But, on the off-chance that you haven't seen it, I am enclosing a copy.

With appreciation, as always, and best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1

February 19, 1958

Miss Ann Fagan Ginger
DOCKET Editor
National Lawyers Guild
154 Nassau Street
New York 38, New York

Dear Miss Ginger:

I am sorry that my brief trip to New York afforded me no opportunity to call you. However, I have read your letter and enclosures carefully.

While I am sure the Civil Liberties Docket is of great value to lawyers and others concerned with litigation, the Council's operations are hardly specialized enough in the legal field to warrant our subscribing.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 19, 1958

Mr. Ben Sissel
Associate Secretary
The Board of Christian Education of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
830 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Ben:

Enclosed is a copy of a thoughtful letter from Al Payne of the Southern Area Council, YMCA, raising various questions about ways to increase the usefulness of "The Face of the South." Could you find time to give us your reactions?

I hope plans for your Southern program are coming along well.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - Ltr. from Alfred C. Payne, dtd. 2/12/58

cc. to: Tartt Bell
Barbara Moffett
Harold Fleming

February 19, 1958

Mr. George O. Butler
Director of Education
The President's Committee on Government Contracts
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Butler:

We are happy to hear that you and Mr. Houchins will be with us for the meeting on the morning of February 25th. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and continue through lunch. The sessions will be held in the Board Room of Atlanta University, 223 Chestnut Street, S.W., Atlanta.

Room reservations for both of you have been made at the Atlanta University dormitory for the night of February 24th.

The meeting is an initial effort at getting the various agencies in the South with merit employment concerns together with representatives of the President's Committee, to explore the ways in which we can be mutually helpful in making employment on merit a reality. The sessions will be completely off-the-record - a matter of interest to the agencies as well as to the Committee.

We will be interested in both educational and compliance aspects of merit employment as related to the insights and program of the President's Committee. The meeting has been conceived in friendliness to explore the possibilities of cooperation and mutual support. However, we do feel that we are rapidly approaching a time when all of us must devote renewed energies to employment problems. We very much want a frank appraisal of what cooperation we can expect from, and give to, the Committee in programs that are seriously geared for action.

These will be discussion sessions and no prepared speeches are expected. The group will be limited to about ten persons.

Continued . . .

Mr. George O. Butler February 19, 1958

We appreciate the interest already expressed by you, Mr. Houchins, and Mr. Seidenberg, and we look forward to a fruitful meeting.

Please feel free to call me or Harold Fleming if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

February 19, 1958

Mr. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N. W. Second Avenue
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Bill:

Enclosed are more materials which may be of some help to you. I have learned from Harold Fleming that he was unable to reach you by phone yesterday. We are very anxious to keep in close touch with you and hope that you will call us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures

February 19, 1958

Dr. Harry Meserve
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
Room 5600
New York, New York

Dear Harry:

The hour we spent together over lunch last Friday was a very pleasant one for me. Recalling your interest in the leadership and activities of the segregation groups, I'm sending separately some materials on that subject. They are a bit out-of-date in some respects but still essentially accurate.

I thought you might also like to see the minutes of the last Southern interagency meeting. If there are further developments with respect to Knoxville, I'll let you know.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 19, 1958

Mr. A. R. Mead
1719 N. W. 6th Avenue
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mr. Mead:

I am sorry that we have taken so long to answer your letter of the 12th. Mr. Fleming is ill and away from the office. Therefore, your letter has been called to my attention.

Enclosed are several pieces of material which should be of help to you. We do not have a great deal of the type of material you need.

We have sent such material as we thought would be helpful to Bill Williams of Miami, Director of the Florida Council on Human Relations. Perhaps you will also be in touch with him.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures.

February 19, 1958

Mr. John Hope, II
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

Thanks for your recent letter bringing me up to date on the teacher displacement project and the proposed SAA conference of social scientists.

In New York last week, I had an opportunity to follow up on the first matter with Wilton Dillon. (Unfortunately, I couldn't make connections with Patterson.) Wilton promised to press for the direct approach to Trenholm, possibly to the extent of getting ATA to underwrite the whole project so that it can proceed pending negotiation with possible foundation sources. This seemed to me the best way to get an early go-ahead.

I'm looking forward to our next get-together, at which time we can discuss next steps toward an inter-disciplinary conference of social scientists.

Best regards,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 19, 1958

Dr. Charles P. Bowles
West Market Street Methodist Church
302 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Bowles:

My belated thanks for your kind letter of February 4. I have read with interest and admiration the program and bulletin describing your recent workshop on the effect of change on the Church.

It is a matter of satisfaction for us to have given some slight assistance to this valuable local effort. We shall be glad to have you keep for your files the material we supplied.

With kindest regards and good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 20, 1958

Mrs. Harriet Harmon Dexter
1200 Ellis Avenue
Ashland, Wisconsin

Dear Mrs. Dexter:

We are always happy to have material in NEW SOUTH reprinted or quoted. Although several of the quotes you want to use are not original NEW SOUTH material, I believe they may be considered in the public domain and may be freely quoted. We are perfectly agreeable to having NEW SOUTH indicated as the source.

I am glad you find our publications helpful and will look forward with interest to the publication of What's Right with Race Relations.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL

February 20, 1958

Mr. Sol Markoff
Director
New York Foundation
61 Broadway
New York 6, New York

Dear Mr. Markoff:

I was very sorry that we didn't get together during my brief visit to New York last week. As Ken Clark may have told you, the hotel chose to present me with all my messages Friday as I was checking out at the end of the day.

I plan to be in New York again from March 5 to 7 and will call you shortly after arrival in the hope that we can get acquainted then. Ken's enthusiastic references to you have almost made me feel that we already are.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 20, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: J. C.

From: M. F.

Please see that the following person is placed on our complimentary mailing list for NEW SOUTH:

Mr. Sol Markoff
Director
New York Foundation
61 Broadway
New York 6, New York

February 20, 1958

Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg
Director, Public Affairs Programs
W. H. A. S.
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Dorcas:

Thanks for your welcome letter indicating your willingness to serve on the Nominating Committee.

I am also glad to have the names of Miss Cobb and Mrs. Swink. Do pass along the names of any such persons who occur to you, and especially of any you think might be considered as prospective board members.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 20, 1958

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Director
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena's Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

Thanks for sharing Bill Peters' letter to Helen Christensen. I knew from conversation with him that Peters was interested in this angle. In answer to his question, I told him that SRC, George Mitchell, and I were all audited within a period of a few months; but I also made it clear that we have suffered no injury and have no desire to make an issue of the fact. Having found at least a few others who had recently been checked by the Internal Revenue Service, Peters evidently decided to do a more general survey. I have no idea what he will find, but he is a trustworthy person who can be relied on not to violate any confidences. (Among other things, he is working with AFSC.)

Congratulations on the new member of the family. Did we tell you about ours? Arrived at Christmas, now about 15 pounds, black curly hair, and favors a rag-mop. She -- for such it is -- over-reacts to the name of Bridey Murphy. We must get her and Dondi together.

Best regards,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 20, 1958

Dr. Riley B. Montgomery
President
The College of the Bible
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Montgomery:

Your letter accepting membership on the Board of the Southern Regional Council was welcome, indeed. We greatly appreciate your willingness to be counted in the leadership of the Council, notwithstanding your already heavy commitments.

I assure you that we will make no burdensome demands on your time. The main thing is that the ongoing efforts of the Council have the support and confidence of the Board members. To that end, I hope you will not hesitate to give us the benefit of your criticisms or suggestions at any time.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL February 20, 1958

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Oscar:

Thanks for your good note. I was glad to see you, albeit briefly, in Atlanta, but awfully sorry that I missed talking with you in New York. I thought you were still in Little Rock and didn't find out otherwise until just before I left.

Maybe we will have a chance later to compare notes on Little Rock; meanwhile, I will be glad to give any suggestions or help I can to the field study.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL

February 20, 1958

Mr. Bruce W. Marcus
Schless and Company
14 West 55th Street
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Marcus:

This will acknowledge your letter of February 6 concerning the annual meeting of the American Orthopsychiatric Association.

I expect to arrive in New York on Wednesday, March 5, and will probably leave on Friday evening, March 7. Aside from the Ortho panel Thursday evening and another meeting Friday morning, I have as yet made no other commitments. If you will let me know when you would like me to be available, I will be glad to cooperate.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 20, 1958

Mr. L. D. Milton
President
Citizens Trust Company
212 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Milton:

Many thanks for your kind letter of February 13 agreeing to serve on the 1958 Nominating Committee of the Southern Regional Council. I will see that you receive well in advance notice of the Fall meeting of the committee and the necessary background material.

We are most grateful for your readiness, as always, to assist the Council.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 20, 1958

Mrs. Margaret Price
Route 1, Box 272
McLean, Virginia

Dear Margaret:

I hope you won't feel that my failure to write earlier indicates any lack of interest in the questions raised in your last letter. On the contrary, I had delayed answering in the hope that I would see Hallock Hoffman of the Fund for the Republic on a brief visit to New York last week. Unfortunately, we didn't get together after all, so the delay has gone for naught.

It may well be that, in the interim, Bea Collins has found something, but if not she might call Hoffman and ask about possibilities. Though I don't know much about the Fund's personnel needs under its new set-up, I'm inclined to be pessimistic; but it wouldn't hurt to try.

As to possibilities in Washington, I'm equally in the dark. I am writing Hallock, however, to ask if the Fund has any project there to which you might apply your skills. I'll let you know what I hear.

The SRC business I wrote you about has been hung up pending semmingly interminable negotiations with foundations and other organizations. But something should break very soon now, and as soon as it does I will be hot on your trail myself. Meanwhile, all the best to you and Bem.

Yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 20, 1958

Mr. Shepherd L. Witman
Director
Residential Seminars on World Affairs
Lafayette College
Easton, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Witman:

Thank you for the cordial invitation to participate in a seminar on Tropical Africa and U.S. Foreign Policy. I am very interested in the topic but unfortunately find it impossible to attend the seminar due to prior commitments.

The Hampton Institute is a splendid site for the conference. It has an excellent faculty, comfortable facilities, and a pleasant location.

Every good wish for the success of the seminar.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

February 20, 1958

Mr. Frederick W. Tiffany
YMCA
147 Luckie Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Tiffany:

I have called several of my friends about the possibilities of openings in employment for which you would qualify. None of them, unfortunately, have any openings. I am sorry about this, but it exhausts the possibilities which I know about.

I hope it will be possible for you to find employment which will make use of your skills.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

February 20, 1958

Dr. Herman H. Long
Director
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Herm:

Many thanks for the list of interracial facilities. We are beginning to get an impressive number of replies to that memo and I believe that the inventory of places will be helpful to all of us who work in the South.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

February 20, 1958

Mr. Louis E. Newman
Assistant Director
Bureau of Governmental Research
822 Perdido Street
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Newman:

Your recent letter to Dr. George S. Mitchell has been directed to me. Dr. Mitchell has retired as Executive Director of the Southern Regional Council and now resides in Scotland.

We will be glad to inform our state organizations about the new program the Bureau of Governmental Research has organized in conjunction with Tulane University. We will keep the announcement on file for we occasionally have enquiries about available scholarships.

As you know we are an interracial organization working for compliance with the Supreme Court decision. We are interested in knowing before we publicise the available scholarships whether or not they are open to <u>all</u> qualified applicants without regard to race, creed, or national origin. I assume the Bureau of Governmental Research, dedicated to the improvement of state and municipal government, would hesitate to inaugurate programs not in compliance with the spirit of the Supreme Court decision.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

February 20, 1958

The Most Reverend Francis E. Hyland
Bishop of Atlanta
2699 Peachtree Road
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Bishop:

Father Foley of Spring Hill College has indicated that he cannot attend the Interagency Conference scheduled for February 25-26. He said that it might be possible for you to send a representative to the meeting. We would be very happy to have a representative from the Atlanta Diocese.

The Southern interagency effort came about largely due to the efforts of Father Maurice Shean of the Catholic Committee of the South. Since that committee has become less operative Father Foley has been participating with the group.

The meeting will be held in the Board Room of Atlanta University, 223 Chestnut Street, S.W. It begins at 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday the 25th and concludes at noon on the 26th.

I realize that the Lenten season is here and that the clergy are very busy. But I believe that if time permits this meeting would be helpful to the Church. I know that the wise counsel of the Church would be helpful to the meeting. I regret that this is such short notice, but I am sure you understand it is due to conditions over which we have no control.

Respectfully,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

VIA AIR MAIL February 20, 1958

Mr. Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
P. O. Box 1307
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

Your letter to Harold Evans was pure poetry. Many, many thanks.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

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February 21, 1958

Mr. David B. Silberman, Jr.
1900-44 North Paulina Street
Chicago 23, Illinois

Dear Mr. Silberman:

I take pleasure in sending you the enclosed report of the Council's program activities and audited financial statement for the year just past. It was a difficult year in the South's transition to a desegregated system, and the year ahead promises to be no less strained.

We take some comfort, which I hope you share, in the fact that there are still Southerners of both races who are willing to work together in mutual respect and friendship for harmonious solutions. The Council, as the only Southwide body of its kind, feels a great responsibility to do all it can to give voice and action to these conscientious Southerners.

The confidence and help of the Sigmund Silberman Foundation has meant a great deal to the Council. We are deeply grateful to you for making it possible, and hopeful that you will feel the Council's performance merits your continued support in 1958.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/smf

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February 21, 1958

Mr. Edgar B. Stern
2110 American Bank Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Stern:

I take pleasure in sending you the enclosed report of the Council's program activities and audited financial statement for the year just past.

It was a difficult year, of course, in the South's development, and the year ahead promises to be no less strained. But we take some comfort, which I am sure you share, in the fact that there are still Southerners of both races who are willing to work together to ease the stresses of change. The Council, as the only Southwide body of its kind, feels a great responsibility to provide a constructive instrument through which these conscientious Southerners can work.

Your confidence and help have meant a great deal to us over the years. I earnestly hope that you will feel the Council's performance in this trying period warrants your continued support in 1958.

With appreciation and kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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February 21, 1958

Mr. Solomon I. Sklar
President
The New-Land Foundation
579 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Sklar:

It was very kind of you to see me last week in the midst of what must have been a very trying day for you. The opportunity to discuss the Council's work with you was most helpful. I could only wish that all of our supporters had as clear an understanding of what is happening in the South and the Council's role in the situation.

Naturally, we hope that the New-Land Foundation will find it possible to renew its assistance to the Council this year. Last year's grant of $2,500.00 came at a time of critical need, when the very continuance of the Council was in jeopardy. Thanks in no small part to your help, we were able to weather that emergency and to put the organization on a more stable financial footing. As you will see from the financial data enclosed, however, we must not only keep our existing support but we must raise a substantial sum from new sources if the Council is to carry out the program needed in 1958.

Enclosed is a copy of our Annual Report of Program Activities during 1957 and a copy of the projected budget for 1958; our audited financial

statement for 1957 will be ready in about a week, at which time a copy of that also will be sent to you.

Apart from this relatively detailed information, I recall that you wanted a brief summary of our current activities. Such a summary follows:

1. State Human Relations Councils. -- The Southern Regional Council has devoted a large part of its resources in the past three years to the creation of staffed interracial organizations in ten of the Southern states. Working against great odds, these state groups have provided instruments through which white and Negro Southerners can express their common belief in a democratic society and work for its achievement at the local and state levels. In much of the South these organizations provide almost the only remaining avenues of sound communication between the races. The Council continues to give both program assistance and financial aid to the state councils.

2. Interagency Cooperation. -- The Council has already, of necessity, assumed a greatly increased responsibility for coordination and clearinghouse work with other agencies. This has been in response to the expressed wishes and requests of a number of organizations, including the social action departments of the major religious denominations active in the South, the several Jewish agencies concerned with human relations, the trade unions, and such groups as the American Friends Service Committee, the NAACP, the YMCA, and the YWCA. The Council has five times served as convener of thirty of these agencies for the sharing of ideas and joint program planning. At their request, the Council has also coordinated their concerted field efforts.

3. Federal Agencies. -- The Council is called upon by various departments of the Federal Government for interpretation of Southern problems and for specially assembled information, made possible through our fact-finding program. For example, the Department of Justice requested and was given the complete raw findings of the Council's special survey on the status of Negro suffrage in the South.

4. Working through Press, TV, and Radio. -- Factual and interpretive material from the Southern Regional Council finds its way into national news media in ever-growing quantity. Through personal interviews, releases,

and publications, the Council has become the recognized information center for news representatives who are interpreting the story of the South to millions of Americans. This provides an unmatched opportunity to offset racist propaganda and promote constructive thinking and planning by leadership, North and South. (For example, the SRC-assisted article in the Wall Street Journal of December 17, 1957, entitled "Segregation Costs: Dixie Firms Find Them More of a Burden as Racial Tension Grows.") It is no exaggeration to say that the Council now serves in this way virtually all of the major national publications as well as many Southern ones, and a growing list of radio and television programs. This function is costly in terms of staff time, fact-finding, and the maintenance of extensive reference files. But we believe its impact may be much greater than more appealing "action" programs.

5. The Consultant Service Program. -- Established as a service to the Council's state affiliates, this program has greatly broadened its scope and usefulness. Within the limit of resources, we are undertaking to make special consultants available to public or private leadership in Southern communities with outstanding problems or opportunities. Within the past year, for example, upon official invitation, the Council made available the consultative services of a Kentucky county school superintendent, who successfully carried out desegregation, to a local school board in North Carolina beginning quietly to plan for such a change.

6. Victims of Pressure and Reprisal. -- The Council has been heavily concerned with the difficulties of individuals and groups that have undergone abuse, ostracism, and sometimes violence in the segregation controversy. We have helped victims of economic reprisal to secure financial help through such programs as the "Rights of Conscience" project of the American Friends Service Committee. We have helped ministers and teachers, discharged for their dissenting views, to find new positions. We have worked with the interracial community at Koinonia Farm in its efforts to get support and legal counsel that would enable it to continue in Americus, Georgia. Beleaguered newspaper editors have also turned to the Council for advice and aid. We are deeply concerned about the impact of hostility and violence on the children, white and Negro, in the forefront of desegregation. Through the investigations of Dr. Kenneth Clark, we are seeking to improve our understanding of the adverse effects of these experiences and ways in which they can be minimized.

7. Work with Labor. -- Under a special arrangement, the Council last year acquired the services of a well-qualified staff member bearing the title of Labor Consultant. This staff member's function is to serve as a resource and liaison person with the unions in the South, which hold great promise as an important influence for progress in race relations. Although this position was initially established on a temporary basis, it yielded such fruitful results that it has been continued as part of the regular staff structure.

8. Other Functions. -- All of the important activities that the Council has regularly carried on are being expanded and intensified to the limit of resources as the demands on the Council mount. In this category are the work with church women and other women's groups, the Council's monthly publication New South, the servicing of a stream of information requests, the distribution of program materials, and the briefing of foreign visitors travelling in the South under the auspices of the State Department and other public and private sponsors.

If we can supply other information that will further consideration of our request, please call on me. And, quite apart from this request, I want you and the other directors of the New-Land Foundation to know how deeply grateful we are for your invaluable aid last year.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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February 21, 1958

Mr. Edmund A. Rosenthal
The Rosenthal Fund
600 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Rosenthal:

Enclosed is a copy of the Council's Annual Report of Program Activities, which I hope you will find of interest.

I am sending several additional copies separately with the thought that they may assist the consideration of the Council's program by the Benjamin R. Rosenthal Foundation .

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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February 21, 1958

Mr. Ben Herzberg
579 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Herzberg:

I thought you might find the enclosed copy of our Annual Report of interest.

Your help last year at a critical time was invaluable in making possible the continued and undiminished activity of the Southern Regional Council. We are lastingly grateful.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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VIA AIR MAIL February 21, 1958

The Commodore Hotel
42nd Street at Lexington
New York, New York

Dear Sirs:

This is to request a single reservation for March 5th and 6th; time of arrival uncertain.

I will appreciate a confirmation at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 21, 1958

Mr. P. D. East
The Petal Paper
Petal, Mississippi

Dear Mr. East:

My absence from the city for the past few days prevented me from reading your Tuskegee Race Relations Sunday Address and returning it to you. I read it with a great deal of interest, so did the others in the office.

I can certainly forgive you for calling me "wicked" and accept your Address as a "peace offering."

Enclosed you will find my check for three dollars for the renewal of the Petal Paper.

Deeply appreciative of your daring battle against the forces of the Citizens Council, the Ku Klux Klan, etc., I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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Encls.

February 21, 1958

Mrs. Marie K. Driggs
Executive Secretary
New York Fund for Children, Inc.
100 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mrs. Driggs:

I take pleasure in sending you the enclosed reports on the Southern Regional Council's work and finances during 1957, as well as our proposed budget for 1958.

As I hope these reports make clear, the assistance of the New York Fund for Children was invaluable to the Council's efforts in a very difficult year. While we have not devoted a separate section of The Annual Report to programs affecting children and young people, many of the Council's activities have been directly or indirectly concerned with the Fund's special interest.

The distressing developments in Charlotte and Little Rock have created even greater concern over the effects of tension and conflict on the young Southerners who are cast in the role of pioneers of social change. The personality study of the nine Negro students enrolled in Little Rock's Central High School, done for us by Dr. Kenneth Clark, has given the Council a basis for more effort in this field. During 1958, we hope to develop, and stimulate other organizations to develop, programs

aimed at minimizing the damaging effects of contested desegregation on the children involved.

I hope that the New York Fund for Children will feel that the performance of the Council justifies its continued confidence and further support within the terms of your letter of May 17, 1957.

If I can supply additional information about past or contemplated activities, I shall be glad to do so.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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February 21, 1958

Mrs. Marion R. Ascoli
23 Gramercy Park, South
New York 3, New York

Dear Mrs. Ascoli:

I don't know when I have had a more enjoyable visit than the hour with you and Dr. Ascoli last week. The chance to talk with both of you - and to meet Pete as well - was a rare treat.

While I am reserving the more formidable reporting for Mrs. Briggs, I thought you might want to look through the enclosed Annual Report.

Please tell Dr. Ascoli that I will be sending him suggestions for The Reporter and will look forward to his possible Southern swing.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/smf
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February 21, 1958

Mrs. Adele R. Levy
993 Fifth Avenue
New York 28, New York

Dear Mrs. Levy:

While I am making our formal report to Mrs. Driggs, I thought you might like to see the enclosed Annual Report of the Southern Regional Council's activities during 1957. Thanks in large part to your generosity, the Council was able to make a significant contribution in a year of great difficulty for the South. We are lastingly grateful.

Along with Kenneth Clark, I had a very enjoyable visit with Dr. and Mrs. Ascoli last week. I hope I may soon have a similar opportunity to express our appreciation to you in person and to discuss our common concerns.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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February 21, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: Frederick B. Routh

From: Emory F. Via

Re: Workshop session, Virginia State AFL-CIO, February 22-23

These will be general comments for your use if you wish. The main aim is to get the group to think, not to get them rankled. The old rule of strating from what they know is a good one, but it is even more important to start from what they know is related to their own condition and interest. For this reason I usually put a good bit of time in on the industrialization and organizational prospects in the South. It is important to show them some facts and information and a degree of identification with their problems.

Without talking down to the group I don't hesitate to go through the steps of any point I wish to explain.

I would encourage discussion and make the sessions informal and open, but I don't think that discussion need be made a fetish in this kind of session.

As to the problem of industrialization there are several main points to be made: Why is industry coming South? Several reasons will be advanced by the group:

Labour: abundance; cheap; trainable. You will already see that the reasons given for why industry comes South have different weights in a rational analysis and also to be weighted according to the kind of industry that you are talking about. For example: a good quality industry is less interested in the cheapness of labor than in most other factors. If it is a national industry it understands that sooner or later it will be organized and that wage differentials will likely be ended.

Natural resources: especially water, both for power and for processing.

Markets: and closely tied to markets is transportation. I usually ask a group what they would want to know if they were getting ready to put a product out, urging them towards the anwer that they would want to know whether anyone was going to buy it. It is particularly important for them to understand how fundamental this point is so that they will not buy the argument used to get poor industry, such as cheap labor, tax exemption, right to work laws, etc. Furthermore, it is one of the important phenomenon of recent years during and since World War II that the South has become a really good market area for all kinds of goods.

Tax exemption: often on a community-by-community basis.

Low degree of unionism: This can be tied to the cheap labor argument.

Legislation: right to work laws, union licensing requirements, etc.

The better industry that we refer to as the new type on the whole responds to the better reasons for coming South, but there are, of course, exceptions.

Another line of argument which I use relates to what makes up a standard of living. I use this as one means for getting into how white self-interest is related to decent behaviour and policies towards integration. Your group will quickly see that a standard of living is not dependent just on wages, hours, and conditions. The point being that there are things of a great deal of importance to us which we cannot buy by our personal efforts, such as health, education, police protection, and even housing on a community-wide basis. Part of this argument goes like this. Health is dependent on much more than being able to pay doctors' bills. We need immunisation programs, sanitation facilities, grabage collection, and a very real understanding that disease doesn't stop at the rail-road tracks, nor at the city line, nor even at the state line. So it is obvious in trying to deal with these problems that we will not be successful if we exclude 25% (the approximation for Virginia) of our population from both the deliberations about and the solutions of these problems.

In the same context it is good to remind the group that on the average the Southern Negro earns only 50% of what whites earn. Now it is one thing to say that they get under union conditions euqal pay for equal work, but it quite another thing to remember that we sometimes participate in the process which denies to them equal work. In other words, the job opportunities are just not there. I would suggest that this deplorable income situation is in large measure responsible for the observable differential in standards between the two racial groups. You can follow your own likes in describing how these low standards are not tied to race but to other factors.

The final point to be made in this connection is that our own, white, standard of living is dependent upon the purchasing power of large numbers of persons and it is foolish on our part to deny adequate purchasing power to so large a group as 25% of our population if we truly want for ourselves those things which we think are important to an adequate standard of living.

Although most of my argument and discussion is aimed on this fairly practical self-interest level I would not hesitate to introduce moral, democratic ideals, or religious considerations.

I usually lay out at the beginning of the workshop session what it is I intend to do, including the fact that we might be discussing some matters which would be of a controversial nature. I give this forewarning to the group plus the idea that it is something less than intelligent to think that we can plan successfully in community or society terms and exclude from our deliberations 25% of the population. I then reintroduce this whole concept when we get down to the standard of living argument. I also often indicate that I think controversy is not wholly bad and plays a legitimate role in education and that after all these are educational sessions.

VIA AIR MAIL

February 24, 1958

Miss Ethna B. Winston
Director of Reading Services
Elizabeth City State Teachers College
Elizabeth City, North Carolina

Dear Miss Winston:

In the absence of Mr. Fleming, who is ill and away from his office, your letter of the 17th has been called to my attention.

Our research office reports no information on hand to indicate that Southern State Departments of Education are attempting to encourage or make available positive material on the Negro or his contributions to American society. With more time we would be happy to look into the matter further. However, in general we believe it is safe to assume that the tensions of the times have reduced or eliminated those positive steps which the more liberal teachers or schools might have at one time considered. Such information as we do have indicates this trend toward elimination of any material about the Negro - his problems, contributions or thinking.

I regret that we are able to be of so little help. If we can be of further service, please call on us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

February 24, 1958

Mrs. Fannie Mayer Korn
875 Park Avenue
Apartment 8-D
New York 21, New York

Dear Mrs. Korn:

It has now been almost exactly a year since you gave me such a sympathetic hearing. So I am particularly glad to be sending you the enclosed annual report of the Council's program activities. I hope you will feel that the performance of the Council in a year of great difficulty for the South has justified your confidence.

As you will see from the 1958 budget and income forecast, also enclosed, you were quite right about the way solvency recedes. But we have made progress toward a more stable financial footing for the organization, and at least the basic operation seems assured for a time to come. Certainly there is every indication that all the efforts we can make will be needed.

Your understanding and generosity have meant a great deal to me and to the Council. I am lastingly grateful.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

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Blind copies sent to: Boris Shishkin
A. Philip Randolph
George L. P. Weaver
Benjamin D. Segal
Paul R. Christopher

February 25, 1958

Mr. George Meany
President
AFL-CIO
815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Meany:

In sending you the enclosed Annual Report and Audit of the Southern Regional Council, we want to express our warm thanks for the AFL-CIO's important part in making these activities possible. We are also hopeful that you will feel the Council's performance merits your continued confidence and support in 1958.

This year we should like to ask the AFL-CIO to consider increasing its contribution, which was $3,000 in 1957, to $5,000 in the current year. We are well aware that these are unusually demanding times for the cause of organized labor. But we believe that our common stake in the bitterly contested advancement of democracy in the South may justify this request for increased assistance.

The organized forces of bigotry, which oppose both the achievement of equal rights and the progress of the unions in the South, have at their disposal large sums of public as well as private funds. The Council, as a body of enlightened Southerners of both races, has a unique opportunity -- and responsibility -- to give voice and action to more constructive opinion in the region.

Despite the discouraging developments of the past year in race relations, desegregation has gained new footholds in the South. And the Council, we feel, has grown in outreach and effectiveness as the one Southwide organization working specifically for equal rights for all.

The enclosed reports on program and finances speak for themselves, and I will not prolong this letter unduly by a review of the year's activities. But we are particularly pleased that the year has strengthened our ties with labor and given us the means and opportunity to be of service to union leadership at various levels.

May I also take this occasion to express our appreciation for the personal leadership which you have given to the ideal of democracy at home and abroad? It may be years before the full effect of this firm stand by the leadership of organized labor is generally recognized, but to some of us the meaning is already clear and heartening.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Blind copies sent to: Kehrer
Gus Tyler

February 25, 1958

Mr. David Dubinsky
President
International Ladies' Garment Workers Union
1710 Broadway
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Dubinsky:

In sending you the enclosed Annual Report and Audit of the Southern Regional Council, we want to express our warm thanks for ILGWU's important part in making these activities possible. We are also hopeful that you will feel the Council's performance merits your continued confidence and support in 1958.

This year we should like to ask the ILGWU to consider increasing its contribution, which was $500 in 1957, to $1,000 in the current year. We are well aware that these are unusually demanding times for the cause of organized labor. But we believe that our common stake in the bitterly contested advancement of democracy in the South may justify this request for increased assistance.

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With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Blind copies sent to: William Oliver
Paul D. Williams

February 25, 1958

Mr. Walter Reuther
President
U. A. W.
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Mr. Reuther:

In sending you the enclosed Annual Report and Audit of the Southern Regional Council, we want to express our warm thanks for the UAW's important part in making these activities possible. We are also hopeful that you will feel the Council's performance merits your continued confidence and support in 1958.

This year we should like to ask the UAW to consider increasing its contribution, which was $1,000 in 1957, to $2,000 in the current year. We are well aware that these are unusually demanding times for the UAW. But we believe that our common stake in the bitterly contested advancement of democracy in the South may justify this request for increased assistance.

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With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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February 26, 1958

Circulation Manager
New York Post
75 West Street
New York 6, New York

Dear Sir:

Please mail us the issues of the Post containing the series on Segregation by Irwin Ross, which started in your paper February 24.

Bill us for cost.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Same ltr. sent to attached names:

February 26, 1958

The Rev. William G. Wright, Director
The National Council of the Protestant
Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Wright:

I take pleasure in sending you the enclosed Annual Report of the Southern Regional Council.

We are most grateful for your friendship and help, and hope that the Council's record of performance merits your continuing confidence.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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VIA AIR MAIL

February 27, 1958

Mr. Martin Deutsch
465 West End Avenue
New York 24, New York

Dear Marty:

Many thanks for your welcome letter. By all means, let's get together either before or after the Ortho meeting.

I expect to arrive in New York sometime Wednesday and will give you a call to settle on the time. Meanwhile, my very best to you and Cynthia.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 27, 1958

Mr. Nathaniel R. Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

I'm afraid I didn't make myself clear on the telephone. Popham was to get in touch with me, and did. My request was for guidance when I talked to him.

Enclosed is a copy of the story we worked out - hopefully for this Sunday's New York Times, though one can't ever be sure. I hope you and Cartwright will feel this is a helpful interpretation. Certainly It doesn't romanticize Blossom and the school board.

I was glad to have your analysis of the dangerous state of affairs arising from the new litigation. I will do what I can.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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February 27, 1958

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALR
JC
RHA
MM

n The address of the Arkansas Council has been changed to:

1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

The phone number remains the same: FR. 4-4521

February 27, 1958

Mrs. Montez Albright
673 Piedmont, N. E.
Atlanta 8, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Albright:

Paul Anthony of our staff spoke to me concerning materials for your conference in April. I am certain that we can provide you with some good material for display purposes and some additional material which you might distribute individually. If you or your representative will write me or come by the office and let me know just how much material you will need, I am certain I can supply you with the suitable quantity.

Paul also said that you are negotiating with another magazine concerning the possibility of publishing your article, and so I will just hold on to my copy of the manuscript until we hear definitely what you have arranged.

Please let me hear from you soon, and thanks for your interest in the Council's Work.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

February 27, 1958

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
Regional Director - AFL-CIO
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

Here is a copy of our request to Meany that the AFL-CIO, if possible, increase its contribution to SRC this year.

Substantially the same letter has gone to Dubinsky and Reuther, only asking ILG to increase last year's $500 to $1000 and UAW's $1000 to $2000.

I know you will do your usual effective job of backing us up, and our standing appreciation to you will be that much greater.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Meany Ltr.)

February 27, 1958

Mr. George L. P. Weaver
Executive Secretary
AFL-CIO Civil Rights Committee
815 Sixteenth Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Weaver:

We have written Mr. Meany, as enclosed, requesting continued - and if possible - increased assistance to the work of the Southern Regional Council in 1958. I wanted you to know of the request.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2 (Meany Letter; Annual Report)

February 27, 1958

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street, Rm. 201
New York 27, New York

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Enclosed is a copy of our 1958 request for assistance from the AFL-CIO.

We are deeply grateful for the support you have given the Council's requests in previous years. I hope you will feel that the work of the Council has justified your confidence.

With appreciation and kind regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 1 (Copy of Meany Letter)

February 27, 1958

Mr. Boris Shishkin
Director
Department of Civil Rights, AFL-CIO
815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Shishkin:

I wanted you to have a copy of the enclosed letter to Mr. Meany requesting a 1958 contribution to the Southern Regional Council.

I hope you will feel that the Council's work has justified the continuing support requested.

With appreciation and kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2
(Meany Letter; Annual Report)

MEMORANDUM February 27, 1958

To: Mr. Samuel Lubell

From: Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

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I am leaving the census tract map with this memorandum at your hotel. Enclosed is a memo explaining the data available from the Metropolitan Planning Commission and the way in which it can be obtained.

I understand Bob Young is to meet you at the hotel this evening at 8:30.

I trust these arrangements are satisfactory. We will, of course, be at the office in the morning if we can be of further help.

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February 27, 1958

Mr. Benjamin D. Segal
Director - Trade Union Program on Civil
Liberties and Rights
Room 301, 1244 Nineteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Ben:

Here is a copy of our request to Meany that the AFL-CIO, if possible, increase its contribution to SRC this year.

Substantially the same letter has gone to Dubinsky and Reuther, only asking ILG to increase last year's $500 to $1000 and UAW's $1000 to $2000.

I know you will do your usual effective job of backing us up, and our standing appreciation to you will be that much greater.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Meany Ltr.)

February 27, 1958

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

As we do every year, I am sending you a copy of our request to Walter Reuther for support of SRC by the UAW this year. I know you will give the request all the support you can.

I was sorry to learn from Paul Anthony that you are laid low by the 'flu. I hope that you are on the mend by now and will shortly be as fit as ever.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Copy of Reuther Ltr.)

February 27, 1958

Mr. William H. Oliver
Co-Director
Fair Practices and Anti-Discrimination
Department
UAW-CIO
Solidarity House
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Bill:

I wanted you to have a copy of our letter to Walter Reuther requesting a 1958 contribution to the Southern Regional Council. We realize that this isn't the ideal time to request an increase, but we do hope it can be considered.

I know I needn't explain to you how important this support to our central budget is. Quite apart from our specific work with unions, there is the pressing need to provide an instrument through which enlightened Southerners can work.

We will be deeply grateful, as always, for your interest and support.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2
(Reuther Letter; Annual Report)

VIA AIR MAIL

February 27, 1958

Miss Clara Rabinowitz
1 West 85th Street
New York 24, New York

Dear Clara:

Thanks for your welcome note and the news that the financial problem has been solved.

I'm looking forward to seeing you again next week.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/smf

February 27, 1958

Mr. Gus Tyler
Director
ILGWU Training Institute
1710 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Dear Gus:

I wanted you to have a copy of the enclosed letter to Mr. Dubinsky requesting this year's contribution to the Southern Regional Council. As you will see, we are asking that the contribution be increased from $500 to $1000. I know you will give the request all the support you feel it deserves.

When are you coming to Atlanta again? Don't fail to let me know.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2 (Dubinsky Letter; Annual Report)

February 27, 1958

Mr. Thomas W. Young
JOURNAL AND GUIDE
719 East Olney Road
Norfolk 1, Virginia

Dear Mr. Young:

I am complimented by your request for permission to reprint my article from the Progressive. Of course, I will be happy to have the article appear in the Journal and Guide, as I am sure the Progressive will be.

My kindest regards to you and your father.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

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New York Times Reprint
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Next Steps...

VIA AIR MAIL February 27, 1958

Mr. George B. Boswell
11 Rue Girardon
Paris 18, France

Dear Mr. Boswell:

Mr. Edward Reed of the Fund for the Republic has forwarded to us your letter of February 18. Accordingly, we are enclosing several pieces of information which speak of or illustrate the Council's program. From this you will note that we do little in the way of formal adult education. This material does, however, illustrate some of the typical approaches used by educational and research organizations in attempts to instruct and inform large groups of people.

I regret that we are able to be of so little help. If, however, this material suggests to you any way in which we can be of further help please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures

February 28, 1958

Mrs. Maree M. Toland
Box 873
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Toland:

Thank you for your letter of February 25, concerning NEW SOUTH. We are sorry that you have not been getting NEW SOUTH regularly, but somehow your addressograph stencil was pulled from our current files by error. Our receptionist is mailing you, under separate cover, the copies of NEW SOUTH you requested.

If you have any additional trouble concerning this subscription, please write me personally and I shall do my best to straighten it out.

Again thanks.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

February 28, 1958

Mr. Mark Starr
Director of Education
International Ladies' Garment Workers Union
1710 Broadway
New York 19, N.Y.

Dear Mark Starr:

Enclosed are copies of a letter to President Dubinsky requesting an increase in the ILGWU's annual grant to the Southern Regional Council and a summary annual report of our activities. I wanted you to know that the request was being made; such assistance as you feel you might give us would be greatly appreciated.

My own work with labor continues at a good pace; I hope to get a special report of this program to you in the near future. The request to the ILGWU, however, is for support of SRC's general program, without which the labor activities would be nearly meaningless.

You will appreciate that much of our work is confidential, including activating others, and that the details of this work are left out of our summary report. Also, you can imagine the increased demands on us and the heavy responsibilities we face in a time that sees the peak in both resistance and the demands for change.

I know that your efforts to "keep tabs" on the work are far flung and intensive. However, I would suggest the annual report for a view of the South and some indication of what organized effort can realistically do. For a more complete analysis, you might want to see Harold Fleming's article in the February Progressive. All I ask in return is don't add anything to my reading list.

Continued . . .

Mr. Mark Starr February 28, 1958

I had hoped to see you in New York for the Washington Birthday activities, but a bad schedule and illness prevented. I trust all goes well in your own work.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosures.

EFV:fcl

February 28, 1958

Mr. Harold Evans, Chairman
The Anna M. and Elizabeth H. Chace Fund
1515 Cherry Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Evans:

Mr. Dabbs has shared with me your letter of February 20, and asked that I send you the additional information called for.

Enclosed is a detailed breakdown of the Council's budgetary needs and income forecast for 1958. The foundations and other sources from which we expect support this year are listed on page 3 of the analysis. You will note that this leaves a substantial amount still to be raised. Toward this amount, we have requests pending before the New York Foundation, the Jacob R. Schiff Fund, and the Rockefeller Brothers Fund -- all of which are new prospective sources.

Although our request to the Chace Fund is for general support, many of our unmet needs are for program projects, and we will gladly revise the request accordingly if the Fund's board would prefer.

I am also enclosing a copy of our Annual Report, prepared since our request was submitted.

We are most grateful to you and the other trustees of the Chace Fund for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2 (Financial Analysis; Annual Report)

February 28, 1958

Mr. Solomon I. Sklar
The New-Land Foundation
579 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Sklar:

Here is the copy of the 1957 Audit which I was to send.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (SRC 1957 Audit)

February 28, 1958

Mr. Dumont Kenny
National Program Director
National Conference of Christians and Jews
43 West 57th Street
New York 19, N.Y.

Dear Dumont:

Our recent inter-agency meeting here in Atlanta was more than worthwhile. The various problems we face in the South received rather full discussion and we made progress toward further voluntary cooperation on the part of the agencies present.

Bob Johnson did an excellent job for NCCJ. His understanding of the South and his knowledge of research techniques made his contribution meaningful for all of us. Because of his unique qualifications I believe it would be wise if he continued to represent NCCJ at these Southern meetings. Then too, it helps if there is a continuity of personnel. This does not exclude, of course, your participation or the participation of others as they have time to make the meetings, but it would be good if one person could make all of the meetings.

Please give my regards to Bob and to Lou Radelet. With every good wish.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

February 28, 1958

Mr. Jack Clareman, Secretary
The Christopher Reynolds Foundation, Inc.
3040 Salmon Tower Building
Eleven West Forty-second Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Clarence:

Mr. Fleming was away from the office when your letter came transmitting the $5,000.00 contribution from the Foundation toward the work of the Council.

Again our thanks to you and the Christopher Reynolds Foundation for this generous gift. An official receipt is enclosed for your files.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

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Enclosure

February 28, 1958

Mr. Edwin Lukas
Director, Department of National Affairs
American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Ed:

I have recently been out to Dallas working with a community group which includes part of the power structure and representative leadership from the Negro and white communities. As you know Dallas faces a court order to desegregate and the Board of Education has said that it will announce its plan for desegregation during the summer. In many ways Dallas is one of the key cities of the South and what happens there will affect what happens in other metropolitan centers of the South. Dallas and Atlanta are the two truly metropolitan centers in the South and therefore are keys to the South's future.

Your man, Gus Falk, has given invaluable aid to the work in Dallas. He has been one of the prime movers in the strategy committee which has brought together white and Negro leadership in honest communication for the first time in many moons. Gus has the experience and the skills necessary to contribute meaningfully to the process of desegregation. I would hope that it is possible for him to devote a considerable amount of his time in the Dallas area. Without his assistance and continuing efforts the work of the strategy committee would be hampered. He is not only a good egg but a skilled practitioner and the AJC is fortunate in having his services.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

February 28, 1958

Mr. Earl Henderson
Field Representative
UAW
526 St. Paul Place
Baltimore 2, Maryland

Dear Earl:

Enclosed are a copy of a letter to Walter Reuther and a summary annual report of the Southern Regional Council's activities. The letter to Reuther requests an increase in the UAW's annual contribution to SRC. I wanted you to know of this request and that we would appreciate such assistance as you could give it through either your own good offices and/or through those of Michael.

This request is for the on-going activities of SRC and not for the labor program as such. You understand that my work would mean very little without the Council's whole range of activities. I am as convinced as ever that the South has to make democratic sense out of its human relations before it really can enjoy the benefits of modern life. As you know, even the union programs have had to mark time while racial matters have been settled.

I will drop a note to Michael about the request and indicate that he can confer with you.

I plan to send you a copy of my own annual report in the near future. I am so sorry that illness prevented my attending the inter-agency meeting and getting to see you. Fred and others indicated you made a good contribution to the meeting.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosures.
EFV:fcl

February 28, 1958

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
1218 Comer Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Bob:

A follow-up of the wire to emphasize my regret at having to miss the Alabama meeting. Seems that SRC representatives are jinxed whenever they head toward your state!

We are anxious to know of the meeting and its outcome, especially in light of the weather conditions which must have affected Alabama in much the same way that it did Georgia.

I, and the rest of the staff, remain anxious to be of any possible help. Personally, I feel that I owe you and the Alabama Council one strong debt and I hope the occasion will arise when you will enable me to pay it.

Best regards from all of us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

February 28, 1958

Mr. Joseph A. Connell
1901 Delaware Avenue
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Mr. Connell:

In the absence of Dr. George Mitchell, who has retired and now resides in Scotland, your recent letter has been called to my attention.

Unfortunately, the Council does not have an appropriate opening available on its professional staff at this time. However, we will be happy to keep your application on file and to contact you if the occasion arises.

It occurs to us that if you have not done so, you might check with the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials, 152 West 42nd Street, Room 1508, New York City. As you may know, this group keeps a listing of available openings in the human relations field and it is entirely possible that they would know of positions available in which you would be interested.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

February 28, 1958

Mr. C. H. Yarrow
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Yarrow:

Enclosed is a check for $100 from the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism for Hazel Brannon Smith. Also enclosed is a copy of the letter to Harold Fleming which accompanied the check.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures - 2 (Check No. 001556 - $100; Vorspan Ltr.)

March 3, 1958

The Esquire Club
P. O. Box 4
Irvington-On-Hudson
New York

Gentlemen:

We would like to secure Esquire Club Membership for the following staff members of the Southern Regional Council.

Harold C. Fleming	John Constable
Frederick B. Routh	Mrs. Ruth House Alexander
Emory F. Via	Paul Anthony

Attached are the signatures of these persons. The Council will, of course, be responsible for these accounts. It is our understanding that your monthly bill will be fully itemized as to type of expense and individual responsible.

Enclosed is our check for $5.00 to cover the cost of annual membership. We would like copies of your directories and any other pertinent information for each of the staff members listed. If additional cost is involved in the number of directories requested, please bill us.

9 The Council maintains the usual air and rail travel cards for its staff. Bank accounts are maintained at the First National Bank of Atlanta and the

Citizens Trust Company, Atlanta.

Monthly bills and all correspondence related to payment of accounts should be directed to the attention of Mrs. Ruth House Alexander, Secretary-Treasurer.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1 check ($5.00)

Harold C. Fleming	John Constable
Frederick B. Routh	(Mrs.) Ruth House Alexander
Emory F. Via	Paul Anthony

March 3, 1958

Miss Florence Harris
Correlator
Southern Regional Office - Y.W.C.A.
41 Exchange Place, S. E.
Suite 201
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Florence:

As you observed, I was sensitive to the policy question which the definition of the Southern interagency effort raised for you and perhaps for some of the others present at the meeting last week.

Of course, the text of the resolution passed will be incorporated in the full minutes of the meeting when they are ready. But it occurred to me that you might want to have a copy earlier than that, to facilitate any necessary policy decision within the Y. W. C. A.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (The Southern Interagency Effort: A Definition)

AIR MAIL

March 3, 1958

Miss Mary Alice Baldinger
Executive Director
National Civil Liberties Clearing House
1637 massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mary Alice:

A word of explanation and regret to you on the eve of the annual Clearing House Conference. To my great distress, I will not be able to be there because of another long-standing commitment. The excellence of your program makes me all the more frustrated.

All good wishes for a highly successful conference and my best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 3, 1958

Dr. S. J. Wright
President
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Wright:

We are most grateful for word of your acceptance of membership in the Council and for your very generous contribution.

I am sure that the officers and other members of the Council will be as pleased as the staff is by your acceptance.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official Receipt)

March 3, 1958

Miss Katharine Taylor
41 Hawthorn Street
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Katharine:

Many thanks for your welcome note of February 20. It confirms Jane's and my already strong conviction that you like the same things we do. I hasten to say that I'm not just speaking of the Progressive article (which I did have sent) or our children, but of Ashmore's book and The Voice at the Back Door. I had the opportunity to read Ashmore's book in manuscript, and Jane discovered the novel through a friend of ours some months ago. We had never heard of Elizabeth Spencer either, but will be prepared to snatch up the next book of hers that is published.

Vernon Eagle has come and gone, and I found him as sympathetic and alert as you had led me to expect. His stay here was all too brief and all too busy, what with an interagency conference and several other activities going on. Unfortunately, Jane was down with the 'flu, so we didn't get a chance to expose him to the Fleming variety of domesticity. He assured me, however, that he would be back before too long and we would have a more leisurely opportunity to further our acquaintance. I can only hope that he was as favorably impressed with the Council as we were with him. Incidentally, he and I immediately

found common ground in our mutual admiration for you. I don't suppose I have to tell you that he is one of your most enthusiastic boosters.

The very best from all of us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 3, 1958

Mr. Paul Rosen
Columbia Broadcasting System
485 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Rosen:

Several weeks ago, I wrote to Mr. Murrow and Mr. Friendly asking about the possibility of prints of "The Lady From Philadelphia" being available to this organization for use by church groups and other interested organizations in the South.

I have been advised by Mr. Murrow's office that, because of legal technicalities, such approval would have to be secured through you. We feel that this film would be enormously effective in advancing better race relations within the South, and I will be most grateful for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 3, 1958

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Area Student Council
Y. M. C. A.
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

I have read the enclosed manuscript with great interest. It is by all odds the most detailed and most completely documented account I have seen of what went on in Kentucky during the '40s and to date.

As to the uses of the manuscript, I don't quite know what to suggest. It ought to be published in one of the alumni magazines or prestige journals published by the Southern universities, but I don't know off-hand which of them, if any, would use it. I think the Journal of Negro Education, published at Howard University, might be glad to have it, but that is hardly the outlet that will reach the most effective audience. It further occurs to me that Guy Johnson, who has done the most complete job of chronicling integration in higher education, ought at least to have an information copy. Perhaps he could suggest the most useful possibility for publication.

In any case, thanks for letting me see the manuscript. I am returning it, since I assume

you want it back. If not, we would be delighted to have it for our reference files. In that case, of course, we would make no use of it without the permission of the author.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Manuscript: "A Case Study of the Process of Desegregation at the Univ. of Ky.")

March 3, 1958

Mr. Thomas Dreier
1011 Brightwaters Boulevard
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dear Tom:

Many thanks for the several items you have sent recently. Your two letters to the St. Petersburg Times are as persuasive as anything of their kind I have seen. I am particularly enthusiastic about them, because I am so convinced that our progress in the South is going to depend on this sort of reinterpretation of self interest. We hope to do more of this kind of thing in our own operation, and we could ask for no better models than you have provided for the St. Petersburg housing situation.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 3, 1958

Mr. C. G. Gomillion
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gomillion:

Thanks so much for your kind letter of February 22 and the copy of your excellent presentation before the Macon County Committee. This is as statesmanlike a presentation as I have seen, and it would be hard to suppose that the Committee was not impressed by it, in spite of itself.

I am further confirmed in my admiration for the leadership you are giving in a very difficult situation.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 3, 1958

Mr. Odom Fanning
7745 Reeds Road
Prairie Village, Kansas

Dear Odom:

My belated thanks for the good clipping on the Kansas City school situation. This kind of documented refutation of the racist myth helps us tremendously. As you might expect, our miserable press regales us everyday with stories of atrocities in New York, Kansas City, and every other place North or West of our sainted region.

We continue to find life stimulating, if trying. I'm enclosing a copy of our Annual Report so that you can see what we are telling our board members and contributors.

Popham was just here, and with great expenditure of words and effort, we have produced a story on the expulsion of Minniejean Brown from the Little Rock high school. It came out pretty well, I think. If we succeed in getting it reproduced, I will send you a copy. Better yet, look at your Sunday, March 2, copy of the Times (I assume you would not be without).

All the best to you and Elaine and Carol.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Encl. - (Annual Report)

March 3, 1958

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

My apologies for this delay in offering our comments on your untitled manuscript on the space age and segregation. Neither my lynx-eyed associates nor I could spot anything much erroneous or capable of improvement. Indeed, the only exception is on page eight (8) where you refer to a white nurse eating with a Negro nurse. The white person involved in this incident was, in fact, a public health doctor.

As for my reaction to the quality of the speech, I have to confess that as I read it an evil impulse grew upon me - namely, to reinforce any thought you may have given to writing a book on this subject. There are many arguments against this popular course of action. There are more books than buyers of books in this field, and publishers are increasingly difficult to find. But it does seem a pity that your wise and compelling words on this subject, as presented in the speeches you have made over the years, cannot reach a wider audience. Perhaps there is a better way to attempt it than through a book. I will continue to reflect on it, and I hope you will too. Meanwhile, I like the current manuscript so well that I would like to keep it on file, if I may. If the carbon is indispensible to you, write me and I will reluctantly return it.

I do hope that the matter of the Florida speech is working out satisfactorily. Just after you called me last week, I received a long distance call from Bill Williams, who apologized abjectly for his delinquency. In addition to his involvement with the State legislative investigating committee, he said his printer had been extremely dilatory in returning an estimate. He further promised that he would telegraph your brother that same day, and on the strength of his repeated assurances, I left it that way with him. I may say that we went ahead and got our own estimate just in case. It amounted to approximately $550.00 for 30,000 copies. I am looking forward to further word from Williams on the progress of the project.

I will appreciate it if you will keep me posted on any further steps that I can take to keep Mr. Preston Wright's interest alive and to facilitate his efforts on our behalf.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/smf

March 3, 1958

Mr. Jim Fowler
Post Office Box 1865
University, Alabama

Dear Mr. Fowler:

Thank you for your payment for The Negro Voter in The South and your letter of February 19, 1958.

I am sorry we have little additional material which might be of help to you on your paper. You might write to Reverend Robert E. Hughes, Alabama Council on Human Relations, Room 1218, Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Alabama, and he might have some suggestions as to people who could give you some leads.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

March 3, 1958

Circulation Manager
New York Post
75 West Street
New York 6, New York

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is seventy-two cents to cover the cost of the Segregation Series mentioned in my letter of February 26.

We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl. (Seventy-two cents in coins)

March 3, 1958

Reverend John L. Bryan
Director of Religious Activities
Bennett College
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Bryan:

On July 31, I received an invitation from Dr. Player to speak at the vesper services, Sunday, March 9, at Bennett College. I would appreciate it if you would let me know if this still holds. If so, how long am I to speak and do you have any special subject for me?

With the best of wishes for the school, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

March 4, 1958

Mr. John W. McCallum
Executive Director
Kingston Community Chest
162 Wellington Street, Suite 11
Kingston, Ontario, Canada

Dear Mr. McCallum:

Thank you for your letter of February 28th requesting information on what is happening in the integration processes in the South. I am sending you, separately, a number of pieces of material which I hope you will find informative. I am also sending with this letter our publications list.

We have an excellent little magazine, New South, the subscription to which costs $2.00 per year. Several issues are being sent with the packet of materials and if you believe the magazine sufficiently worth while we would welcome your subscription. We will put you on the mailing list for other materials which from time to time we send out.

It is always good to hear from Canada for I spend most of my summers up there just outside Hamilton. Thank you for your interest in our problems down here.

With every good wish.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.
FBR:fcl

March 4, 1958

Mr. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N.E. 2nd Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

Thanks for your letter of February 27th promising to continue mailing us the clippings about the Johns' Committee. We would be particularly interested in anything by way of editorial comment that the News or the Herald has made. You might also check Nelson Poynter's paper in St. Petersburg and Herb Davidson's paper in Daytona.

The Johns' Committee has made a poorly concealed attempt to identify desegregation and communism together in the public mind. There is no relation between one set of witnesses called and the other set called before the Committee. Unfortunately the press has in part abetted this attempt for the headlines and identified the two groups together.

I will keep an eye pealed for openings for Stanley Leibner, but do not know of any at the present time. If any should turn up I will be in immediate touch with you and him about it. John Lassoe is here now and will be talking with Stanley in the next day or so. He may well have some suggestions to make.

Bestregards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

March 4, 1958

Mr. Galen Martin
Box 887
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Galen:

How sorry we were to hear that your mother was hospitalized. The rupture of a blood vessel in the brain is a serious matter. I trust that the loss of the use of one eye is not permanent. Modern medical treatment and surgery can do so much to alleviate pain and illness that we hope for a complete recovery. Please express to her our prayers and well wishes for that happy event.

Don't worry about missing the inter-agency meeting of last week. We will send you, as soon as they are available, the minutes of the meeting. Let it be noted in the record that you were missed.

Warm regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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March 4, 1958

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
Congregation B'nai Israel
P.O. Box 1326
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi and "Little Mom":

It was good to hear from you about the activities in the field of human relations in Mississippi. The recent Newsletter did not include information on Mississippi because we had not received a proposal for further aid from the Mississippi State Council. The Newsletter reports on state activities were based on program proposals contained in these applications for aid.

We would be interested in having regular reports from Mrs. Lyells about the activities of the Mississippi State Council, but your executive committee should approve of this before it is inaugurated. We try to keep in touch with events in Mississippi, and try to assist as we find possible, the state organization in program development. During the past year Mrs. Lyells has received eight letters from this office; you have received five; and Mrs. Wheatley has received three. In addition to this eleven memoranda and five pieces of literature have been sent to the office besides, of course, New South. C.H. Parrish and I made a trip out to Jackson on July 23, 1957.

I grant that this doesn't add up to systematic and continuous guidance and assistance to the Mississippi State Council. We would be happy to further our cooperative relationship, but this entails responsible action on the part of a lay board of directors in Mississippi. We have

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every confidence in you, Bishop Brunini, Hodding Carter, Dr. Reddix, and others, but you will recall that it was with a deep sense of regret that SRC had to terminate its official relationship with the Mississippi State Council because there was not a functioning organization to which we could conscientiously give further financial aid.

We are anxious to give guidance and encouragement to the Mississippi State Council. If your Board will tell us how we may do it effectively we will seek to comply.

We are well pleased with the Commission on Justice and Peace's "A Time for Greatness of Soul". The fact that you are now distributing this in Mississippi will be helpful in the effort to create a climate where love of God and recognition of human dignity is not considered subversive.

Warm personal regards to you both, and with every good wish.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

March 4, 1958

Mrs. Morris Brown, President
Virginia Council on Human Relations
Charlottesville - Albemarle Chapter
201 Sunset Avenue
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Brown:

Your letter concerning the film, The Face of the South, has been referred to the Anti-Defamation League here in Atlanta which handles the film. Mrs. Bea Wilde of that office has reserved the film for you for May 8, 1958. The rental will be one dollar and a half.

I presume you will hear from Mrs. Wilde very soon, if not, you may write her at 41 Exchange Place, Atlanta, Georgia.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

March 4, 1958

Miss Margret R. Bloomer
Administrative Assistant
American Civil Liberties Union
170 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Bloomer:

This is to let you know that I will be at the Biennial Conference for the 6:30 meeting of the Nominating Committee, March 21.

In the rebuilding of our office and the doing over of my house, somehow I have misplaced some information that I need. Please let me know the name of the hotel.

Looking forward to our Biennial Conference, I remain

Sincerely,

MET:lec

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

March 4, 1958

Mr. Aubrey N. Brown
Editor
The Presbyterian Outlook
1 North Sixth Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brown:

Paul Anthony has referred your letter of February 26, asking about limitations on political activities of the various Councils on Human Relations, to me. I am enclosing with this letter a copy of a memo on legislative reporting which was sent to the staff and chairman of the various state Councils and an article from the by-laws of the various Councils which prohibits political activity.

The Federal Courts have not been precise in their definition of what constitutes political activity. Our legal counsel therefore advises us that it behooves us to move with care and caution in anything that hints, or might be construed to hint, of political activity and to avoid entirely anything that is obviously and openly political. This would include support of or opposition to specific legislation and support of or opposition to any candidate for public office.

This we recognize is a stringent restriction, but these are times in which organizations working in the field of race relations in the South must maintain their tax exemption or fold their tents. You are aware, I am sure, that there are those who scrutinize with eagle eye all that we do, all that we write, and all that we say, hoping to find that we have violated our tax exempt status. I hope this answers your query. If you desire more information please feel free to write.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosures.
FBR:fcl

VIA AIR MAIL March 4, 1958

Mr. David C. Walden
714 West California Street
Pasadena, California

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Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Encls. Prynce Hopkins Request and enclosures

VIA AIR MAIL

March 4, 1958

Mr. Jack Clareman
Secretary
The Christopher Reynolds Foundation
3040 Salmon Tower Building
Eleven West Forty-second Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Clareman:

We are happy to send the additional copies of the Council's Annual Report which you requested.

I have given instructions here that you should receive four copies of all similar reports issued by the Council in the future.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

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March 5, 1958

Mr. Robert Alan Seigel
Hebrew Union College
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Mr. Seigel:

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The state Chairman is Courtney Siceloff, the Director of Penn Community Center, St. Helena's Island, Frogmore, South Carolina. The Executive Director is Mrs. Alice Spearman. The state office is located at 1745 Sumter Street (Room 100), Columbia. Among the Board members whom you might know are Miss Rebecca Reid of Sumter, Robert Suritz of Rock Hill, and J. M. Dabbs of Mayesville.

I am sure that Mrs. Spearman or Mr. Siceloff would welcome a letter from you indicating your interest. If we can be of further help please let us know. I am enclosing the current issue of our magazine New South.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.
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bc: Harold Fleming

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March 5, 1958

Miss Fay Bennett
Executive Secretary
National Sharecroppers Fund, Inc.
112 East 19th Street
New York 3, New York

Dear Miss Bennett:

You should, by all means, be receiving our publications. We will see that you do.

I will expect to hear from you further about the projected Southern conference.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 5, 1958

Miss Jean Fairfax
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Jean Fairfax:

Here is an interesting and, I think, useful memo by Bonita Valien on our recent consultation in Dallas. It seemed to me the least we could do was share it with you.

I'm sorry we had so little opportunity to talk last week, but very glad that Fred and John Hope had a better chance.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Valien Memo - dtd. 2/21/58)

March 5, 1958

Professor Robert B. McKay
New York University Law School
New York, New York

Dear Bob:

Belated thanks for sending me a copy of your excellent summary of judicial developments since 1956 in the Virginia Law Review.

Your thorough and eminently readable articles are a valuable record of this chaotic period.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 5, 1958

Mr. A. E. Cox
933 Chambliss Road
Memphis 16, Tennessee

Dear Gene:

I share your concern about the lack of response to our appeal and the Smith's unrelieved plight. We've recently received one additional $100.00 contribution (now being funneled through AFSC) from the Union of Hebrew Congregations - and that's it.

I have little hope that much further, if any, response will be forthcoming. What can we do - or get others to do?

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 5, 1958

Miss Elizabeth B. Herring
Executive Secretary
National Council on Agricultural Life
and Labor
1751 N. Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Herring:

I regret that there is little prospect of my being in New York on April 2 for the Annual Meeting of NCALL.

It strikes me that I have been an even less functional board member than I predicted - even in correspondance. I hope you will feel free to replace me with someone, in the South or elsewhere, who can make a contribution to NCALL's important work.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 5, 1958

Mr. Charles T. Steele
Executive Director
Louisville Urban League
608 W. Walnut Street
Louisville 3, Kentucky

Dear Charlie:

Thanks for your kind letter of February 27. I am flattered that you thought the Progressive piece worth ordering, and glad that the complimentary copy arrived in such good time.

Best regards from all of us here.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 5, 1958

Mrs. Bee R. Wolfe
7901 Carroll Avenue
Takoma Park 12, Maryland

Dear Mrs. Wolfe:

Many thanks for your card. Having heard of the Wolfes so enthusiastically over the years from George Mitchell, I would like nothing more than to meet you. Occasions for Washington trips seem to come rarely, but I will certainly call the next time I am there.

George's address is simply Glencoe, Argyll, Scotland. I know he'd be pleased by a note from you.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 5, 1958

Mrs. L. L. Jackson
President
Woman's Society of Christian Service
North Alabama Conference of the
Methodist Church
1413 Cleburn Avenue, S. W.
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Jackson:

Thanks for your prompt reply, which lays all my problems at rest.

I will look forward to seeing you at the June meeting.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 5, 1958

Mr. Seizo Tanetani
Embassy of Japan
2514 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 8, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tanetani:

Many thanks for your kind letter of February 25th. We were more than happy to be of some slight assistance to you and Mrs. Tanetani. It is most thoughtful - though not at all necessary - for you to remember us with a gift.

Please call on us whenever we can be of service to you and your colleagues.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 5, 1958

Mrs. C. N. Cadwallader
6215 St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cadwallader:

This will acknowledge your letter of February 28, to Mrs. Tilly. She is out of the office this week, but I will call your letter to her attention when she comes in Monday, March 10.

Sincerely,

Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to Mrs. Tilly

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Corrected

VIA AIR MAIL March 5, 1958

Dr. Prynce Hopkins
Chairman
Hopkins Charities Fund
1920 Garden Street
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Dr. Hopkins:

Enclosed is our request for assistance from the Hopkins Charities Fund.

As the supporting material indicates, the Council's activities cover a wide range, and, truth to tell, none of them can be considered meaningfully in isolation from the others. After much consideration, we are proposing the intensive project described, with the hope that it will meet the standards set forth in the Fund's instruction sheet.

My fear is that in compressing the proposal into two pages we may have said too little about the specific kinds of materials we wish to prepare and precisely how we will use them. Our hope is that the enclosures will help remedy this shortcoming. If there are questions on this point or any other, I shall be happy to supply more information.

It is a matter of concern to us that strategic efforts to shape the public images which guide race relations have had so little support outside

segregatinnist circles. We have iound it difficult, for example, to secure financial support for such activity, as compared with the more dramatic field efforts.

We are most grateful for the Fund's consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Enclosures - 1957 Audit
Proposal (6 copies)
SRC Annual Report, 1957
List of Board Members
Congressional Record Reprint
New York Times Reprint
Organizational Chart
Treasury Letter (April 1956)
Comments on Info. and Publications Program

A PROPOSAL TO THE HOPKINS CHARITIES FUND FROM THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

This is to request the Fund to consider a grant of $5,000 in support of a special information project of the Southern Regional Council.

Since the Supreme Court's school decision of 1954, white Southerners have been subjected to a mounting barrage of segregationist propaganda. Through a mass of publications, circulated by the White Citizens Councils and like groups, through the speeches of politicians and office-holders, and through the general press, old racist myths have been revived and new ones created. The themes of this massive propaganda campaign may be briefly described as (1) "evidence" of inherent Negro inferiority; (2) Biblical and other religious "justifications" of segregation; (3) material seeking to demonstrate that the Supreme Court's decisions are unconstitutional; (4) "sociological" and health data supporting segregation (illiteracy, illegitimacy, and venereal disease rates, allegedly racial differences in moral and cultural standards, the prospect of widespread intermarriage, etc.); (5) contentions that integration is a Communist conceived and promoted objective; (6) interracial problems of the North and West as evidence of unworkability of integration.

This negative campaign has been distressingly effective. The power wielded by the segregation forces has silenced and intimidated most of the usually responsible leadership in the region. Many Southerners of good will have succumbed to this bombardment of fear and prejudice. Even in other regions of the country, the distortions and rationalizations voiced by some of the South's most influential leadership have had their effect.

The Southern Regional Council -- through its publications, speakers, consultants, work with other organizations and with the mass media -- has sought to counter the effects of these appeals to racial anxieties and fears. But we feel that these efforts must be greatly intensified if the Council is to make its full and much-needed contribution to a more positive climate of opinion. To this end, we propose to prepare a series of special publications designed for selective distribution to Southern religious, legal, economic, civic, and educational leaders.

The accompanying materials will suggest the approach, and the experience and competence which the Council brings to it; what is needed is a more sharply focused effort than the Council has heretofore been able to make. Our aim will be to assemble the most authoritative facts and interpretation for each designated interest-group, present them clearly and persuasively, and distribute the respective publications as effectively as possible. We will also undertake the dissemination of this material through the press, appropriate organizations, and the other channels previously mentioned.

It is one of the tragedies of our time that the South faces the challenge of a profound social change with a set of institutions and leadership still largely wedded to the undemocratic past. Never in living memory has there been a greater need for a body of responsible Southerners to be heard in the region -- and in the rest of America and the world. In make-up, reputation, and experience the Southern Regional Council is fitted to make such a contribution.

Under its present budget, the Council maintains the reference and research facilities and the overhead staff essential to the successful implementation of the proposed project. The amount requested of the Hopkins Charities Fund, if granted, would be applied to the following special costs for one year:

Temporary Project Personnel (editorial)	$ 1,500
Printing of Project Materials	2,500
Distribution (clerical, envelopes, postage)	1,000
	$ 5,000

The project will be directly supervised by the Executive Director, with the assistance of the Director of Information and other staff members.

The Treasury letter confirming the Council's tax-exempt status (copy enclosed) is dated April 1946, Number 1491M.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES, 1957
(See Audit Attached)

Income		
Foundation Grants	$95,725.00	
Other Contributions (individuals, churches, etc.)	16,196.76	
Office-Related Income (subscriptions, interest)	11,910.59	
TOTAL		$123,832.35
Expenses		
Salaries, Consultant Fees, Soc. Security	69,215.44	
Printing & Postage	9,533.00	
Travel	8,528.08	
Rent	1,722.00	
Supplies, Equipment, and Communications	5,919.11	
Other Overhead	1,871.27	
Subsidies to State Human Relations Councils	74,877.22	
TOTAL		171,666.12
Excess of Expenses over Income		$ 47,833.77

(Represents funds previously granted for use in 1957.)

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1957

Assets		
Cash in Banks	$ 30,181.28	
Investment in Securities	169,338.06	
Literature Inventory	500.00	
Accounts Receivable	30.50	
TOTAL		$ 200,049.84
Liabilities		
Taxes and Accounts Payable	$ 2,754.01	
Due to Special Projects	6,574.62	
Advance Appropriations for 1958-60	189,683.17	
Surplus	1,038.04	
TOTAL		$ 200,049.84

March 5, 1958

SOME COMMENTS ON SRC's INFORMATION AND PUBLICATIONS PROGRAM

"...the Council has earned a reputation for sound, constructive research and publication of factual material." -- Editorial in the Atlanta Constitution - (2/1/57).

"The report of the Southern Regional Council that 21 cities in Arkansas, North Carolina, Virginia, Texas and Tennessee have done away with bus segregation without court action is more important, actually, than the accounts of friction in other communities. For this is the way in which effective desegregation will come to the South." -- Editorial in the Washington Evening Star - (1/8/57).

"I can't begin to thank you for the kindnesses and help you gave me ten days ago. Thanks to you, a bunch of then inchoate impressions I had fell into place and continued to stay that way for the rest of the trip.... There and elsewhere through the South your name was an open sesame." -- Letter by Alfred E. Friendly, managing editor, Washington Post and Times-Herald - (3/20/57).

"Thank you so much for the copies of "The Negro Voter in the South" which you recently sent us. As you probably know... it has created considerable interest on the Hill, and our copies are all now in heavy use." -- Letter by Charles A. Goodrum, Legislative Reference Librarian, The Library of Congress - (8/1/57).

"Thank you so much for the use of this material and the other assistance on the Ku Klux Klan story. I hope I can be of as much help to you some day." -- Letter by Clark R. Mollenhoff of LOOK Magazine -(3/22/57).

"This is to acknowledge with deepest thanks the material... for use in connection with our communication developed around the Little Rock situation. I wish I could tell you how very valuable every piece of the material will be... as we try to present an honest, and yet helpful picture to our friends abroad." -- Letter by Dorothy I. Height, YWCA National Board - (11/15/57).

"The special reports the Southern Regional Council has been distributing are most useful. I note they have been used in some notable places." -- Letter by Claude A. Barnett, director, Associated Negro Press - (9/11/57).

"The Council in my judgment serves two important functions that no other agency in the region is capable of. It remains a rallying point for moderate white Southern opinion, and keeps open essential channels of communication between the races... It also provides an indispensable source of

factual information on every aspect of the race problem; the Council's resources have prevented many a distortion in the local and national press, helped correct many that did find their way into print." -- Letter by Harry S. Ashmore, editor, Arkansas Gazette - (2/14/58).

"Your organization has been of great service throughout this civil rights debate. It is true that you, as a private organization, have provided more information and more facts concerning the voting situation than has the Department of Justice." -- Letter by Senator Paul H. Douglas - (8/26/57).

"(The Council) fills a unique place... I think you can well understand that in a region where there is so much sound and fury it is necessary to have some organization which, year in and year out, can assemble the facts and keep them before the public." -- Letter by Ralph McGill, editor, Atlanta Constitution - (2/11/58).

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March 5, 1958

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Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures: Hopkins Charities Fund Proposal and Enclosures.

BC to Katherine Taylor

VIA AIR MAIL March 5, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
The New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

Our thanks for your welcome note of March 3. Such promptness in the face of a groaning desk is throughtfulness far above the call of duty. I am delighted to hear that Charlotte and Durham were useful stops. Your short stay here, albeit hectic, was pleasant for us; I'll be looking forward to the more leisurely return engagement you spoke of.

We've been searching our files for letters or materials that may help establish authoritatively the importance of American race relations to international relations. As you predicted, we found little or nothing of an official and recent nature, unless you count Nixon's several speeches on the subject. But, with apologies to your loaded desk, we will be sending in a day or so some exhibits that may be helpful. Also, Ruth Alexander will send very shortly the schedule of persons compensated in 1957; and John Hope, the descriptive list of consultants.

Meanwhile, I'm enclosing for your files a report on Dallas by Bonita Valien. She presents

fairly clearly the kind of process we are trying to stimulate there through the use of consultants. It is particularly relevant because we feel that our efforts must go increasingly into this kind of community priming.

I know you will feel free to throw at us any questions that arise in the wake of your Southern swing.

Best regards from all of us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Valien Memo, dtd. 2/21/58)

March 5, 1958

Mr. Arnold Aronson, President
National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials
55 West 42nd Street, Room 1530
New York 36, N.Y.

Dear Arnie:

Thanks for your extended letter of February 24th. I have delayed answering it until I could talk with John Lassoe who I knew was coming to town. I have now talked with John.

You are right, I am over-burdened, but I feel spreading the good news of NAIRO is sufficiently important that I will accept the responsibility of becoming the regional representative. It is my understanding from your letter that this is limited to North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi. It seems to me that the two most likely places for local groups are Atlanta and Miami. There is also the remote possibility of Charlotte, North Carolina. I will appoint somebody in each of these communities to carry the local load. This will probably mean a weekend trip to Charlotte and to Miami to talk with intergroupers in both places, so the $100.00 expense account will come in handy. You are right in saying that so modest a sum will not go far, but I believe it is adequate for these two trips.

I intend to come to the next Board meeting on May 2nd and 3rd in New York. I have set aside the time on my calendar.

John Lassoe has been a big help on this trip in further interpreting the role of the internship program. We are planning to send our intern to the Fisk Institute on Race Relations this summer, and of course to the NAIRO workshop later in the spring.

With every warm regard.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

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Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.
FBR:fcl

bc: Harold Fleming

March 5, 1958

Mr. Clarence Mitchell
Director, Washington Bureau
NAACP
100 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Clarence:

Thank you for your note of 28th February with the good news that your office has sent the copies we requested of your testimony before the House. They arrivedhere in good shape and we are in the process of distributing them to key people down here.

I was distressed to hear that you had been ill, but feel relieved that it was of only a few days duration. I would assume from this that it was flu. We have had quite a bout with it here. Thus far I have been fortunate enough to ward it off. Anti-freeze in my radiator!

Warm regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

March 6, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
New World Foundation
120 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Eagle:

It was a pleasure to meet and talk with you while visiting our offices last week.

I am enclosing a copy of the list of consultants that served on behalf of the Council's Consultant Service Program during the calendar year 1957, as requested.

If there is further information that you desire at any time, I shall be glad to have you write me.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

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Blind Copy to John Hope with list

CONSULTANT SERVICE PROGRAM

Consultants

(Social scientists who served on behalf of the Countil as resource persons for educational conferences and workshops sponsored by state and community groups concerned with human relations.)

1 9 5 7
$35.00 per 8-hour day

Dr. A. Lee Coleman University of Kentucky Lexington, Kentucky	$ 153.36
Mr. G. D. Wilson Kentucky State College Frankfort, Kentucky	50.00
Dr. Robert Johnson National Conference of Christians and Jews 43 West 110th Street New York, New York	50.00
Mr. Whitney Young, Jr. Atlanta University School of Social Work Atlanta, Georgia	149.02
Mrs. Bonita Valien Fisk University Nashville, Tennessee	325.36
Dr. Lewis M. Killian Department of Sociology Florida State University Tallahassee, Florida	112.36
Mr. Noah C. Turpen, Superintendent Fayette County Schools LaFayette Parkway Lexington, Kentucky	52.50
Dr. C. H. Parrish University of Louisville Louisville, Kentucky	507.50
Dr. Willis A. Sutton, Jr. Department of Sociology University of Kentucky Lexington, Kentucky	52.50
Dr. Herman H. Long Race Relations Department Fisk University Nashville, Tennessee	50.00

Dr. Harry J. Walker Department of Sociology Howard University Washington, D. C.	$ 155.00
Dr. Kenneth Clark 31 West 110th Street New York, New York	102.50
Dr. W. B. Jones, Jr. University of Tennessee Knoxville, Tennessee	50.00
Dr. Hylan Lewis Unitarian Service Committee 9 Park Street Boston, Massachusetts	96.76
Mr. W. L. Adams, Superintendent School District R-V11 of Carroll County Carrollton, Missouri	52.50
Mr. G. E. Evans, Superintendent Poteau Public Schools Poteau, Oklahoma	52.50

DIRECT SUPERVISION:

John Hope II Race Relations Department Fisk University Nashville, Tennessee	5,445.00

March 6, 1958

Mr. Francis Manis
School of Social Work
University of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Fran:

Got your good letter of March 5th and hasten to reply so that you will have it in plenty of time to take to the meeting on March 15 and 16. Here are some tentative answers to the questions you raised:

1. Among the social workers active in the South I would list

Florance Sytz, School of Social Work, Tulane University
Whitney Young, School of Social Work, Atlanta University
Arthur Fink, School of Social Work, University of North Carolina
Dave Levine, Florida State University
Martha Horne, Florida State Department of Welfare
Joe Golden and Miss Frankie Adams, both of Atlanta University School of Social Work
Mary Raymond, Executive Secretary, Council of Social Agencies, New Orleans
University of Tennessee -- Sue Spencer, Sebastian Tine, Gideon Fry, and Francis Manis

In addition, Ellen Winston, a Commissioner in the North Carolina State Department of Welfare is sympathetic and has done some things behind the scenes. Part of this listing was obtained from Whitney Young, Dean of the School of Social Work at Atlanta University.

2. We are sending, separately, a series of statements made by other helping professions which would be better than a mere cataloging of them here.

3. It seems to me that social workers, and other professionals, cannot long ignore the socially disrupting influence of defying law and order. It would seem obvious that the very nature of the code of ethics of the social worker would move him or her toward some action in the area of desegregation.

Continued . . .

Mr. Francis Manis March 6, 1958

The National Association of Social Workers could very well aid and assist them by coming forth with a decent and professional statement regarding their concern in this area. Some of the Southern social workers need assistance in thinking of this problem in a professional rather than a personal and emotional manner. The NASW can help them in this. Some of these people come back for refresher courses at the various schools of social work. There they could be helped by those who teach.

At your Washington meeting I would suggest you discuss: a) what effect is the desegregation controversy having on the profession of social work -- community support and regard? b) what effect are the tensions of the desegregation controversy having among those whom you seek to serve? c) in communities which have begun the desegregation process what specialized skills are required of social workers? d) how do social work agencies and social workers attached to public agencies move in the area of desegregation without being axed? In other words, can social workers really behave as professionals?

4. We are sending material as outlined under # 2 above. Perhaps this will be helpful.

5. Anything else? Yes! You might suggest that these social workers from the South get in touch with the various state organizations in their respective states. I am enclosing a list thereof.

On another item entirely I have recently heard from Ted Wilcox in Knoxville who has asked for a copy of the self-survey manual. We are sending her this. I am enclosing a blind copy of my answer to her. I believe the letter needs no explanation but should be of interest to you since you have had your finger in that pie so long.

Best regards.

As ever,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosures.
FBR:fcl

Items sent to Francis Manis by second class mail, March 6, 1958:

Psychiatric Aspects of School Desegregation -- Report No. 37 of the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry.

New South: February 1958
December 1957
November 1957
April 1957

The Law of the Land

State of Mind

Special Report : Religious Bodies and the Supreme Court Decision

March 6, 1958

Reverend John Paul Carter
The Canterbury Association
All Saints' Episcopal Church
209 West 27th Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Carter:

I am enclosing twelve copies of the mimeograph questionnaire which you requested in your letter of March 3, to Mrs. Tilly. She is out of the office this week, but I will call your letter to her attention when she comes in on Monday.

Sincerely,

Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to Mrs. Tilly

/c
Encls.

March 6, 1958

Mrs. J. H. Wilcox
1816 Lake Avenue
Knoxville 16, Tennessee

Dear Ted:

You will think that I have forgotten you and your request for a copy of SRC's manual for the self-survey. Such is not the case. We discovered to our horror that we were all out of the manual and had to scrounge around to come by one. This we have done and I am sending it to you with this letter.

One of the chief purposes of the self-survey is to get people to know each other as they work together on a matter of common concern. Therefore it is essential that a representative group from all segments of the population be included from the planning stages through the final report of the self-survey. You have excellent resources in Knoxville to assist you in such a program. Three people come to mind immediately: Francis Manis, Tennessee School of Social Work: Dr. W. B. Jones, Department of Sociology, UT: and Galen Martin.

If there is anything we at SRC can do to assist you further please feel free to call on us. It would seem to me that with desegregation so imminent in Knoxville a good deal of effort ought to be

Continued . . .

Mrs. J. H. Wilcox March 6, 1958

spent working directly on the problem of preparing the community for acceptance of the inevitable. I know that a great deal has been done in this direction, but I would be less than professionally candid if I did not warn you against dissipating your energies in other activities, including the self-survey, unless it will play a direct part in preparing the community for desegregation.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.

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Sent: The Annals - March/1956
Newsclips
Ltr. from Ernst Linde (Aug. 15, 1957) and (Feb. 1/57)
Ltr. from John P. Meagher - Dept. of State (12/18/57)
Ltr. from Mrs. Alden R. Crocker, Int'l. Cooperation Admn. (May 16, 1957)
Ltr. from Wilfred R. Brunner, U. S. DEPT. OF LABOR, (Oct. 28/57)

March 7, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Eagle:

Enclosed is the material pertaining to foreign visitors and international relations mentioned earlier by Harold Fleming.

We regret that the material is no more specific and does not better fit your needs. We will, of course, send you anything else we are able to turn up.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures

March 7, 1958

Mr. Arthur J. Levin, Director
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
41 Exchange Place, S.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Art:

Many thanks for the publicity report. I was fascinated by their quick dismissal of Frederick B. Routh and their hearty swing on SRC. But even in it we find the worth while quote: "The Southern Regional Council, receipient of a grant of $245,000 from the Fund for the Republic, is one of the most influential organizations of whites and Negroes in the South." This will probably appear on our new promotional pamphlet.

I am fascinated by the Presbyterian Outlook's defence of freedom of religion in the face of its obvious violation by the Thompson Committee of Virginia. To the arch-segregationist nothing is sacred, and I am convinced that as soon as they learn that God believes in integration they will read him out of their church.

Warm regards.

Cordially,

Fascinated
~~Frederick~~ B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

March 7, 1958

Mr. Irwin Schulman, Area Director
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
606 Common Street, Room 401
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Irv:

Thanks for your letter of March 5th noting the places within your territory where integrated meetings are possible. When the list is completed we will send you a copy and you will find to your pleasure and amazement that there are more such places than we dreamed possible.

By the by, my good secretary, Faith Lawson, is going to visit New Orleans on a tour around the United States prior to her return to merry old England. She will be in the Crescent City on May 3rd and 4th and you might take a bit of time to show her the French quarter. I know of no guide who knows the nooks and crannies as well as you.

Vive le Vieux Carre!

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

March 7, 1958

Mr. Gustave Falk, Area Director
American Jewish Committee
523 Fidelity Building
Dallas 2, Texas

Dear Gus:

Many thanks for your letter of 6th March with the enclosed confidential report of the February 17th meeting. This is an excellent job of reporting and helps keep the record straight.

Please let me know how the March 10th meeting comes out. I am interested too in the Rev. Estelle and the Negro delegation's meeting with the President of the School Board. What was the outcome of the meeting? I note on page four the report that the newspapers released the story of preventative police measures planned. Would you please send us a thermo-fax copy of the article?

I imagine by now you have received a copy of the letter I sent Ed Lukas. I trust you think it satisfactory.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

March 7, 1958

Mrs. Lillian A. Friedberg
Corresponding Secretary
Allegheny County Council on Civil Rights
Room 1108, 200 Ross Street
Pittsburgh 19, Pennsylvania

Dear Lillian:

Thank you for your letter of March 5th with the enclosed check for my expenses for the Conference of the Allegheny County Council on Civil Rights. We understand that voluntary associations such as your Council cannot afford honoraria, so there is no need to apologise for not sending one.

Thanks for returning the pictures and for all the kind words about my participation in the Conference.

With every good wish.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

March 7, 1958

Mr. Vernon Eagle, Executive Director
The New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

First, let it be noted in the record that it was good to meet you and get to know you while you were here. I enjoyed our conversations.

John Hope called and said that the March 29th date for your meeting with SRC consultants in Nashville is now firmed up. In addition to John Hope the following consultants will be present: Mrs. Bonita Valien - Fisk University; Dr. Harry Walker - Howard University; and Dr. Lee Coleman - University of Kentucky. We believe this is a representative group of the consultants and feel that you will get some knowledge of the calibre of the people involved and a flavour of the work they do.

Lewis Killian stopped off in Atlanta on his way back from the meeting at Chapel Hill to talk about a proposed community survey in Jacksonville, Florida. He told me of meeting you on the plane en route to Charlotte. I told him that you would think we were either the luckiest outfit or shrewdest operators in the field to get a man from Tallahassee on your plane out of Atlanta.

Good luck on your trip to New York. Kindest regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

Material sent:
New South (Feb. 1957 - Feb. 1958)
Next Steps in the South
What the Supreme Court Said
Three Views of the Segregation Decisions
The Church Statement
Publication Listings (25)
Marion Wright's Speech (25)

March 7, 1958

Reverend John W. Harkins
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
61 N. Washington Street
Greencastle, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Harkins:

Thank you for your letter of March 4, 1958, concerning Southern Regional Council literature.

You did not mention in your letter the quantity of material that you need. We are mailing you, under separate cover, twenty-five copies of a speech by our former president and twenty-five copies of our Publication Listings. I am also mailing you some material which might be useful as display material. If the delegates to your seminar wish copies of this material, it can be obtained from the Council.

With best wishes for your seminar.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

March 7, 1958

Mr. George B. Davis
Acting Head Librarian
Centenary College of Louisiana
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Davis:

Thank you for your letter of February 18, and your comment about the sample copy of NEW SOUTH. Enclosed are a few other samples of the magazine. Most of the back issues are available. However, a few issues are out of print.

We hope you will decide to subscribe to the publication for your library.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encls.

VIA AIR MAIL March 10, 1958

Mr. Nathaniel Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 South Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

It is my pleasure to send you the enclosed check for $8,000 representing the first of three annual grants from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund earmarked for the assistance of the work of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations. I understand that you have had direct word from the Fund concerning the grant, so there is no need for me to repeat the contents of the Fund's letter of transmittal to us.

The last sentence of Dana Creel's letter says that they will be happy to receive copies of reports that are issued from time to time. It is my understanding that you will send such periodic reports on the program and progress of the Arkansas Council directly to the Fund; however, I think it would be both wise and helpful if you would mark us in for copies of these communications to the Fund, so that we may be fully informed. I would also appreciate it if you would let me know what

changes in the structure or program, if any, you contemplate, in the light of this grant.

Our hearty congratulations to you all.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Enclosure - 1 (Check No. 4285 - $8,000)

P. S. As I know you understand, this grant carries with it the same conditions that have applied to all aid received by the Arkansas Council through the Southern Regional Council - namely, prohibition of any political activity or other activity inconsistent with tax-exempt status.

H.C.F.

4 original copy
Returned to P.A.

March 10, 1958

Miss Mary Stewart French
Chief, Voluntary Leader Programs Branch
Special Projects Division
International Education Exchange Service
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss French:

In the absence of Mr. Fleming your letter of March 4th has been referred to me.

We will be happy to have Mrs. Catherine Djurklou call on us during her stay in Atlanta and, if she wishes, to arrange appropriate appointments with others in the area. We can be reached here at the office on Monday, March 24th. If any special arrangements are desired for Sunday, March 23rd perhaps you or Mrs. Djurklou could let us know as soon as possible.

If we can be of further help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

March 10, 1958

Mr. Frederick R. Neel
Public School 68, Manhattan
127 West 127th Street
Room 207
New York , New York

Dear Mr. Neel:

I am sorry but we do not have the type of pictures or posters you desire. I suggest you might write some of the Negro newspapers which we have found most cooperative when we needed pictures.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

March 10, 1958

Mr. William M. Nix
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Nix:

Thank you for your letter of March 7, and your kind comments concerning the Council.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

March 10, 1958

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I am sending this along at the request of Marion Wright. How are things going?

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.
(Newspaper clipping from The Wall Street Journal - Thermo-for copy)

March 10, 1958

Miss Jean Fairfax
National Representative for Southern Programs
American Friends Service Committee
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Jean:

Thank you for your good letter of March 6th which has just arrived in the office. We, at SRC, were happy to be able to assist the American Friends Service Committee in evaluating its merit employment project. We believe this to be one of the more significant programs now being carried on in the South.

Emory Via is considerably better. As a matter of fact, the doctor discovered that he did not have pneumonia, but that the liquid in his lungs had been pumped in by another doctor for x-ray purposes about a year ago and that it had not yet been absorbed by his system. This, of course, was a great relief to all of us. I will turn your letter over to him so that he will know of your wish to have him visit the Baton Rouge office.

We are all impressed with your staff in the South and believe that in a unique way they are contributing to the growth of a democratic society in our region. Economic democracy is as essential as political democracy. The right to earn a living is inherent in the Constitution of the United States.

With all good wishes for the continuing success of your work.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

bc: Emory F. Via

March 10, 1958

Rev. Edwin G. Kloppe
Executive Director
Texas Council on Human Relations
407 West 27th Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

I am enclosing a copy of a note we have just received from Ben Sissel of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

He suggests that the Rev. James P. Higginbotham would be a good guy to add to our strategy committee in Dallas. I suggest you do so.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.
FBR:fcl

March 10, 1958

Mr. H. B. Sissel
Associate Secretary
Board of Christian Education
Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.
830 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Ben:

Thanks for your note of March 6th suggesting the name of the Rev. James P. Higginbotham of Dallas as a person who might cooperate with our effort there.

I will pass his name along to our Director, Ed Kloppe.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

March 10, 1958

Mr. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N.E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

Thanks for your letter of March 6th with the enclosed editorials on the Johns Committee hearings. Both of the editorials indicate, since they are from conservative papers, that this Committee is well understood to be a political hatchet effort and little more.

Regarding the money we received from the New World Foundation for our internship program: as things stand now we probably will not seek to renew this phase of our relationship with the New World Foundation. They are the ones who have underwritten the Consultant Service Program. At the present time they are deeply involved in tax problems. So my fatherly advice to a struggling young man would be that there is little chance of them underwriting an internship for the Florida Council. Their Director, Vernon Eagle, has just been in this office and he is discouraged about the possibilities of working out their tax difficulties in the near future.

Glad you got to talk with John Lassoe. I hope it will be possible for you to keep Stanley down there, but fully understand the difficulty of fund raising.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

March 10, 1958

Mrs. Beatrice V. Marion
1409 Chowan Road
Richmond 26, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Marion:

Many thanks for your letter of March 5th telling us of the good progress being made by Jack. We think it was a wise decision to keep the news of his absence within the executive committee. It is good to know that the office is in competent hands while he is away.

Emory Via and I are trying to set a time when we can come to Virginia. As soon as we clear our dates we will be in touch with you and with others whom we should contact in the various communities we plan to visit.

With the deepest of thanks for your efforts and with every good wish for a quick recovery by Jack.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

March 10, 1958

Mr. Philip Hammer
3843 Ridgewood Road, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Phil:

We just received this letter from Jean Fairfax of the American Friends Service Committee. I thought you would be interested in the kind things she said about your participation in their evaluation session down here in Atlanta.

Although I have heard you before I was just as impressed that evening with your presentation as Jean was. It was concise, factual, and exciting.

Warm regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.
FBR:fcl

March 10, 1958

Rev. Jack Carter
The Canterbury Association
All Saints' Episcopal Church
209 West 27th Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Jack:

Thank you for your note of March 5th suggesting that when next I get to New York I stop by the office of the National Council of our Church and talk to Mrs. Suzanne G. Reid. This I will be glad to do. It looks as if I shall be in New York the first weekend in May, so I will plan to call on her then.

If you have any suggestions as to how we can make more effective our operation in Texas I would be happy to receive them.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

March 10, 1958

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, N.Y.

Dear Ed:

Thanks for your note of 7th March telling me that you had lunch with Harold Fleming on the 6th. He was correct in advising you that the Atlanta meeting of the American Bar Association had been billed as a "regional" meeting. This was not clear in the newspaper reports at the time I wrote to you. I am glad that you feel, however, that a national meeting of the ABA in one of the defiant states would be inexcusable. I wonder if the national leadership of the Bar Association understands that many agency leaders feel that way.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

March 10, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
The New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

Thank you for your note of March 7th enquiring about the various state Councils which cooperate with the Southern Regional Council. Perhaps the easiest way for you to acquaint yourself with their current projects and activities is to send you a copy of our latest Newsletter. I herewith enclose same.

If this does not fully serve your purpose, drop me a note and I will make further brief notes on our evaluation of each state organization.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

March 10, 1958

The Editor
The Roanoke Times
Roanoke, Virginia

Dear Sir:

Will you please send me one copy of The Roanoke Times for Monday, February 3, 1958.

I enclose 10¢ in cash to cover the cost and postage. If the charge is more than this please bill me for the balance.

Sincerely,

Faith C. Lawson
Secretary to Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant.

FCL:s

March 11, 1958

Mr. Hal G. Lewis
College of Education
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Hal:

Thanks for your recent note. I have talked with Guy Wells and we now plan to drive to Gainesville on Thursday, March 27th. Paul Rilling of the regional YMCA office is coming with us. Guy says there is some confusion about whether or not Clarence Jordan will also ride with us. Do you know what, if any, arrangements have been made regarding this?

Trust that it won't be inconvenient to provide us with lodging for the three nights - Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. On Sunday we must drive back to Atlanta.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

cc: Dr. Guy Wells
Paul Rilling

FBR:fcl

March 11, 1958

Mr. Robert Graetz
National Lutheran Council
Division of American Missions
1110 Cleveland Avenue
Montgomery 8, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Thanks for your letter of March 7th containing the resolution of the 27th annual convention of the Texas District of the American Lutheran Church. I believe this is an important statement, and we shall add it to our list of pronouncements by church bodies regarding segregation.

I believe that the "Senate of the Senate" is a typographical error, and I shall correct it before we add this to the compiled list.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

March 11, 1958

Mr. William K. Wolfe
45 East 135th Street
New York 37, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

Your letter of March 7th requesting information and an application blank for the "Social Work Fellowship and Scholarship" offered by the Southern Regional Council has been turned over to me. Frankly, I am puzzled for we have no such scholarship program. I wonder whether you have us confused with some other organization? Or perhaps you have heard about the scholarship program offered through the Southern Regional Council by the Encampment for Citizenship to find qualified participants from the South for the Encampment.

I am sorry that we are not in a position to offer scholarship aid to worthy students, but this is not a part of our program. Would you be good enough to let me know where you got the information?

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

March 11, 1958

Dr. Charles P. Bowles
West Market Street Methodist Church
302 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Bowles:

Mr. Fleming is out of the office so I hasten to answer your letter in the hope you will receive a reply before Wednesday evening.

I am enclosing some materials which I trust will be of some assistance to you. Would you please return just one: "What Makes a Volunteer" -- it is my personal copy.

"Forming local committees" is taken from our old self-survey manual. The focus today should be directed more toward actual desegregation of the public schools.

Your letter just came, but we will send this airmail-special delivery in the hope it reaches you in time.

Best wishes for the success of your project.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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Enclosures

March 11, 1958

Mrs. J. W. Curry
401 North Coit Street
Florence, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Curry:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, one hundred copies of the sheet resulting from the Conference on Registration. We hope this number will be sufficient, if not, please let us know and we will mail you additional copies.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to Mrs. Tilly

/c

March 12, 1958

Dr. Miller A. F. Ritchie
President
Hartwick College
Oneonta, New York

Dear Miller:

I am enclosing a copy of a memo we recently received. The information contained therein is obviously confidential but is exceedingly good news and I thought you would be interested in it. I must say that I am somewhat amazed at the next to the last paragraph, but hope it is true and that it indicates progress on the part of our friend.

As you might guess I am not sure we are supposed to have a copy of this memo so trust you will treat it accordingly.

All warm regards to you and the family.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl
Enclosure.

March 12, 1958

Dr. A. W. Dent
President
Dillard University
New Orleans 22, Louisiana

Dear Al:

We at the Council are anxious to assist the New Orleans Council on Race Relations to get off the ground. We are not certain at this time what is the status of Mary Raymond's availability. However, we feel that even if she is not yet available the time is appropriate to call together a relatively small strategy committee to begin planning for continued efforts in the New Orleans area. This group could serve as a nucleus for a larger group which would become the Board of the New Orleans committee. It is my hope that I can come out to New Orleans in the near future and discuss possibilities with such a group. I would suggest Friday or Saturday, 11th or 12th April for my visit. Please let me have your thinking on this matter.

We are convinced that New Orleans, along with Dallas, Memphis, and Atlanta, are the keys to future progress in the deep South. We feel that in each of these areas, except New Orleans, we are making progress on the local level. We further feel that the New Orleans group with whom we have worked in the past has just about the greatest potential of any local group. It is therefore incumbent upon us to mobilize and motivate that group in terms of specific action. The determination of specific action, of course, is the prerogative of the local group.

Best wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

March 12, 1958

Rev. Samuel Gandy
Dean of the Chapel
Dillard University
New Orleans 22, Louisiana

Dear Sam:

Miss Doris Wilson of the YWCA has asked me to write you the names of the people in New Orleans whom we suggested to Miss Barbara Hartshorne of the University of Denver Student YMCA-YWCA. We suggested Dr. Dent, Father Twomey at Loyola, and Dr. William Kolb at Tulane. We also suggested, though not by name, that she contact the YWCA and YMCA secretaries at Dillard and Tulane.

I hope to get out to New Orleans in the not too distant future and look forward to seeing you at that time.

With every good regard.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

Materials sent:

Publication Listings
Next Steps
Attitudes
Fear and Prejudice
Public Ethics & the Integration Question
What the Supreme Court Said
Louisville Story
January & February NEW SOUTH
America's 10th Man

March 12, 1958

Mr. Lino Liberaton
1263 Lincoln Place
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mr. Liberaton:

I am very sorry to have been so slow in answering your recent letter of inquiry about posters and materials for use during Brotherhood Week. Actually, National Brotherhood Week was observed during the week of February 16-23 this year, so your letter of February 21st was not received in time for us to refer you to an agency which could have provided you with materials (National Conference of Christians and Jews, 43 West 57th Street, New York, New York). Our publications are more general in nature and we do not distribute posters and display materials.

We are forwarding, however, some of our publications. Perhaps the members of your class will be interested in reading them even though official Brotherhood Week, 1958, has passed.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

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Materials Sent:
The Negro in America Today
Peace as a World Race Problem
The Negro in the South
Changing Patterns

March 12, 1958

Miss Lucille Wiese
Deaconess Hall
Valparaiso University
Valparaiso, Indiana

Dear Miss Wiese:

In answer to your letter of March 8th, we are forwarding under separate cover some materials from our research files. As you will notice, several of the publications are quite old; however, they may be of use to you in your consideration of racism in the United States. We have very little material on hand concerning racial problems of other nations. The first few pages of the 1944 Peace as a World Race Problem (which we are forwarding) may be of some limited use to you. You may wish to consult your library or write directly to UNESCO for their booklet, Race and Society, by Kenneth Little (1952), which contains material concerning racism in South Africa, Brazil, Hawaii, and the United Kingdom. The publisher's address is listed as: United Nations Educational, Scientific, and
Cultural Organization
19, Avenue Kleber
Paris 16e, France
and the price of the booklet is $ .25.

Your library's Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature will probably list articles containing more recent information on world-wide racial practices and problems.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

March 12, 1958

Mrs. Robert H. Moench
292 East Parkview Drive
Grand Junction, Colorado

Dear Mrs. Moench:

Thank you for your very kind note. Since my own memories of new offspring and a new house are still fresh, I can readily understand that you have had little free time -- or money!

I am chagrined that New South has not been reaching you. We have remedied this slip in the machinery.

I had a delightful note from Katharine Taylor the other day. As you probably know, she is as rewardingly active as ever. I very much hope that one of her various involvements will bring her South again soon.

Our best regards to you and Mr. Moench.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:fcl

March 12, 1958

Mr. Albert Vorspan, Director
Commission on Social Action of
Reform Judaism
838 Fifth Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Al:

The copy of Mike Yarrow's letter to you reminded me that I hadn't written you myself.

The Commission's contribution for Mrs. Smith was very heartening to me and the others who joined in the memorandum requesting assistance. As I already had good reason to know, you and your agency can be counted on for sympathy and support to the beleaguered. This sensitivity is especially important at a time when the individual tends to get lost in the great abstract conflicts of principles and ideologies.

With appreciation and best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:fcl

March 12, 1958

Mr. Frederick P. Muhlhauser
Executive Vice-President
Salzburg Seminar in American Studies
17 Dunster Street
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Muhlhauser:

Thank you for your letter of March 6th. A word of explanation and apology is in order.

Your first letter was, in fact, received and the order was mailed to Salzburg on February 6th. as you requested. I discovered, however, that you had not been notified of the shipment, for which I am apologetic. Our invoice was sent to the Seminar address in Cambridge several days ago.

We are pleased that Professor Franklin feels that a file of New South will be useful to his forthcoming seminar and similar ones in the future.

With every good wish.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:fcl

March 12, 1958

VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
The New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

Delighted to send you the enclosed sampling of accolades from the opposition; sorry for the Thermofax copies, but we have only one copy of most of these priceless documents. I'm also enclosing one just-received letter of commendation that especially pleased us -- from Archbishop Robert E. Lucey of San Antonio.

The list of paid subscribers to New South stands slightly in excess of 5,000. Depending on the issue, we make special distributions which substantially increase the total number circulated.

I was glad to hear that the Nashville meeting has been arranged, and that you will be able to make it.

Your willingness to speak for us in New York is tremendously important to the Council. You have our profound thanks.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

Enclosures.
HCF:fcl

March 12, 1958

VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. Dana S. Creel
Office of the Director
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Creel:

This is to acknowledge, with warm appreciation, your letter notifying us of the grant of $8,000 for assistance to the Arkansas Council on Human Relations. The Southern Regional Council's official receipt is enclosed.

This Council's check for $8,000 has been sent to the Arkansas Council, and I am sure you will shortly be hearing directly from the officers of the state group. From our vantage point, we can hardly imagine a special grant of this kind that would be more timely or more effective in strengthening positive effort in the South. The assurance of equal support in 1959 and 1960 greatly enhances the effectiveness of the grant.

You will, of course, receive periodic reports on the progress of the Arkansas Council.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

Enclosure: receipt.
HCF:fcl

March 12, 1958

Dr. W. Vernon Middleton
Executive Secretary
Division of National Missions of the Board of
Missions of the Methodist Church
1701 Arch Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Middleton:

On behalf of the Southern Regional Council, I akcnowledge with deep appreciation the contribution of $250 from the Division of National Missions. The Council's official receipt is enclosed.

With kindest regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

Enclosure: receipt
HCF:fcl

March 13, 1958

Miss Jean Robey
Secretary to Ben Segal
Director, Education Department
IUE
1126 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Miss Robey:

I talked with Ben Segal by phone yesterday and we have agreed that he will come into Atlanta on the evening of Tuesday, March 18th and that I will drive him to Anniston the next day.

If there is time I would appreciate knowing what flight he will arrive on. I assume that he will be on either Eastern Air Lines Flight #309 which arrives here on 9.54 pm. (having changed from Eastern Air Lines Flight #865 in Charlotte) or Capitol Air Lines Flight #375 which arrives in Atlanta at 9.17 pm.

I trust that these efforts at scheduling will not become too tangled; thanks for your efforts at keeping us straight.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

March 13, 1958

Mr. E. T. Michael
Director, Region 8
UAW
526 St. Paul Place
Baltimore 2, Maryland

Dear Brother Michael:

The enclosed letter was sent to Walter Reuther a little while ago requesting an increase in the UAW's annual contribution to the Southern Regional Council. Since your region includes so much of the territory which we attempt to cover and because you have had some contact with our program I wanted you to know that this request had been made. I am sorry that my absence from the office has prevented me from getting a note to you sooner. I am also enclosing a summary annual report of the Southern Regional Council's activities.

Earl Henderson is perhaps the person who knows us best who is close to your office and I would be most happy if you would find an occasion to discuss our work with him.

Any support that you feel you can give this request would be greatly appreciated; we are not unmindful that the UAW has its own hard-pressed times, but we are convinced that finding satisfactory solutions to race relations problems is fundamental to the achievement of labor's own goals in our region. The request is for support of the on-going activities of the Southern Regional Council and not for the labor program as such, but you can understand that my own work would be much less meaningful if not related to such a strategic and well-informed organization.

Continued . . .

Mr. E. T. Michael March 13, 1958

It was good to have seen you in Atlanta for the meeting of the international team and I trust that on some subsequent visit here we may have more time together.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosures.

EFV:fcl

March 13, 1958

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Weaver
315 Julie Drive
Gallop, New Mexico

Dear Peggy and Don:

I have not heard from you in ages, but occasionally hear about you from Don's father. Things go well here at the Council and we are kept busy beating down the 19th century forces which seek to engulf the South. It doesn't seem possible but I have been with SRC for 3½ years.

I am sending you, separately, a copy of our annual report so that you will have some knowledge of our current activities. These activities have not gone on without the active opposition of White Citizens Councils and several of the state governments in the deep South. As a matter of fact, if the opposition were not vocal about our activities we would think we were falling short of the mark. It has been wisely said you can tell more about a man by who his enemies are than by knowing his friends. This I would assume is equally true of organisations and by this definition it makes us a saintly crew.

Galen tells me that you now have an increased family, and I am delighted to hear that there will be more Weavers to carry on the name and the happy personalities that are yours. He also tells me that your stint with the Indians will draw to a close this summer. What are your plans following the conclusion of this work?

Warm regards, as ever

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

March 13, 1958

Mr. Ray Farabee
United States National Student Association
1234 Gimbel Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Ray:

Thanks for your note of March 11th, and I share with you the pleasure of getting together at the Southern Planning Committee held at Atlanta University.

I have been rushed since you were here with half a dozen things going on at once. I have not, therefore, had opportunity to give much thought to the proposed Southern Conference next November. I intend to discuss this further with Harold Fleming and others on our staff and we will be in touch with you later. I hope it will be in time to be of use to you.

I have not yet written my contact man about Adlai Stevenson as keynoter for the National Student Congress at Ohio Wesleyan next summer. I will do so this afternoon and will enclose a copy of the letter for you.

If I get up to Philadelphia along the way I shall certainly be in touch with you. Please feel free to call on us any time for any assistance we can give.

Best wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl
Enclosure.

March 13, 1958

Mr. Will D. Campbell
Associate Executive
National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

Got your note requesting information on local human relations agencies. I would suggest that your best sources of information would be: 1) Marshall Bragdon, Mayors Friendly Relations Committee, 105 City Hall, Cincinnati 2, Ohio; 2) Richard Marks, Executive Secretary, Commission on Community Relations, 1106 Water Board Building, Detroit 26, Michigan; 3) Bill Williams, Executive Director, Florida Council on Human Relations, 213 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida.

In the case of Bill Williams ask him about the Dade County Council on Human Relations.

I hope this helps you meet your needs.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

March 13, 1958

Mrs. J. H. Wilcox
1816 Lake Avenue
Knoxville 16, Tennessee

Dear Ted:

Sorry if I was confused about our telephone conversation. I am sending you with this letter a copy of our pamphlet "Next Steps in the South". I would think that an interracial study group built around the suggestions in this pamphlet might be more helpful than a self-survey. I am also enclosing a copy of New South for March 1956. Again, a committee organized with official sanction or without along the lines suggested in these two articles would be helpful.

Hope this helps you with your presentation on the 19th.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosures.
FBR:fcl

March 13, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
The New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

I attended a Southern student conference planning session at Atlanta University the other day that was jointly sponsored by the YMCA and the National Student Association. They are planning a South-wide conference in the Fall which will be called "The College Student in the Changing South" -- a consideration of problems of racial tensions confronting the college campus.

Ray Farabee, who is national president of the NSA, asked if there was anything I might do to urge Adlai Stevenson to be the keynoter at the National Student Congress this coming summer. The Congress, as you know, is made up of student body presidents and officers from all over the nation. They want Mr. Stevenson to speak on "Student Responsibility in an Age of Challenge". The date is August 20th and the place is Ohio Wesleyan College. My only thought was that I might write you and tell you about it and ask that if it is possible you urge our candidate to accept. If you wish to contact Ray Farabee direct you can reach him at: United States National Student Association, 1234 Gimbel Building, Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania.

I have asked John Hope to give you the details of the March 29th meeting with SRC Consultants in Nashville. No doubt you will be hearing from him in the near future.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

bc: Ray Farabee

March 13, 1958

Mr. Harry Fleischman
Director
National Labor Service
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Harry:

I finally found the "Hannah" in the February 1958 issue of Southern School News. It is in a Florida section on page 15, the first item under "What They Say." Among other things, Hannah is quoted as saying, "There has been a lot of talk from both extremes, but more from the middle. Comments from both extremes - citizens councils on one side and the NAACP on the other - have been silly." I take it you are going to call this unfortunate statement to the attention of the various mass media folks.

I hope you got the message I left at your office about my conversation with the people at TIME. I found that the man who is currently running the press section is Mike Demarest whom I knew when he was stationed in the Atlanta bureau. He said they considered doing a job on the Herald Tribune ad, but decided instead to play up Kuettner's series on the New York schools. However, he said that if there were another similar ad by the

segregationists, the press section would take it on. He also said that they would call on us for any background they might need. I am cognizant of my other assignments, dealt out at the last meeting of the Mass Media Committee, and will move on them as quickly as I can.

I suppose you know that there is going to be a CCD Executive Committee meeting on March 26. Will you be there or Ed Lukas, or who from ACJ? This timing is very awkward for me, but I do feel a powerful urge to be there and take part in the revival of the corpse. If so, perhaps I will see you.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 13, 1958

Mr. J. Oscar Lee
Executive Director
Division of Christian Life and Work
National Council of Churches of Christ
in the USA
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Oscar:

At the last Southern Interagency Conference the participants were pleased and encouraged by the news that the National Council of Churches of Christ has agreed to participate in the proposed joint fact-finding project on violence, intimidation, and reprisals.

Seven organizations have now definitely committed themselves, and four more have advised us that they still have the proposal under consideration and will very possibly want to be included. The organizations that have definitely accepted are: The American Friends Service Committee, ADL, AJC, NAACP, UAW, The National Council of Churches of Christ, and SRC. On the basis of these commitments, we can now set the pro rata figure of $500 per agency as the maximum that will be required for the project. If the project turns out to be less expensive than we anticipated, or if further acceptances lower the pro rata amount, any surplus will be returned.

The steering committee for the project - drawn mainly from Atlanta based staff members of participating agencies - will be meeting shortly to select

a project director and get the effort under way. Meanwhile, if it is convenient for you to send me a check for your agency's share of the financing, we will be able to get the project under way that much more quickly. The check may be made out to the Southern Regional Council, with the special purpose designated.

We will see that you are kept informed of the progress of the project each step of the way.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. Will D. Campbell

P. S. We are mindful that the amount which you expect to be able to contribute is $300, and this is perfectly satisfactory with all concerned. In fact, it may turn out that the contribution for each of the other agencies need be little larger than that, if at all.

H. C. F.

Same Ltr sent to:
Mr. John Morsell, NAACP - cc: Mrs. Ruby Hurley
Mr. William Oliver, UAW -
Mr. Oscar Cohen, ADL - cc: Mr. Alex. Miller and Art Levin

March 13, 1958

Miss Barbara Moffett
American Friends Service Committee
Secretary - Community Relations Program
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Barbara:

At the last Southern Interagency Conference the participants were pleased and encouraged by the news that the American Friends Service Committee has agreed to participate in the proposed joint fact-finding project on violence, intimidation, and reprisals.

Seven organizations have now definitely committed themselves, and four more have advised us that they still have the proposal under consideration and will very possibly want to be included. The organizations that have definitely accepted are: The American Friends Service Committee, ADL, AJC, NAACP, UAW, The National Council of Churches, and SRC. On the basis of these commitments, we can now set the pro rata figure of $500 per agency as the maximum that will be required for the project. If the project turns out to be less expensive than we anticipated, or if further acceptances lower the pro rata amount, any surplus will be returned.

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We will see that you are kept informed of the progress of the project each step of the way.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. Tartt Bell

March 13, 1958

Mr. Louis Joughin
Assistant Director
American Civil Liberties Union
170 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Joughin:

I recall our conversation at the time of the Southern Interagency Conference about your not having seen the memorandum proposing a joint fact-finding project on violence, intimidation, and reprisals. Enclosed is a copy of it. So far, seven agencies have definitely committed themselves, and we have set the pro rata share of the finances at not more than $500.00

We also checked our records of mailings to ACLU and found that minutes of all meetings have been sent to Pat Malin. We did find, however, that the fact-finding proposal was sent to Al Reitman, because of his special concern with publicity and publications. Perhaps this is why there was a failure of communication on the matter.

Needless to say, if ACLU feels that it can come in on the project, we would all be most pleased.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Encl. - 1

March 13, 1958

Mr. H. B. Sissel
Associate Secretary
The Board of Christian Education of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
830 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Ben:

A letter like the enclosed to Barbara Moffett has gone to each of the agencies that has definitely agreed to chip in on the joint fact-finding project. We were encouraged by your comment at the Southern Interagency Conference indicating that there is a good chance of your organization coming in. I will look forward hopefully for further word from you.

That was a good letter you wrote to Dr. Blake about the proposed inter-religious conference. As I suppose you have heard too, a meeting of the CCD Mass Media Committee has been scheduled for March 26. The latest word I had from Will Campbell is that he expected to be present to see what support for the conference could be drummed up. It is an awkward time for me, but if I can make it I will do what I can to push the matter along.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1

March 13, 1958

Dr. M. L. King, Sr.
193 Boulevard Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. King:

At the last Southern Interagency Conference, you expressed some interest, on behalf of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, in cooperating financially in the proposed joint fact-finding project on violence, intimidation, and reprisals.

I am enclosing a copy of a memorandum describing the project and a letter just sent to all of the agencies that have agreed to come in on it.

If, on the basis of this information, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference feels that it can contribute, we will all be very pleased.

It was good to have you with us at the meeting.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2

March 13, 1958

Mr. Roy Wilkins
Executive Secretary
N. A. A. C. P.
20 West 40th Street
New York, New York

Dear Roy:

You have probably seen a copy of J. B. Matthews testimony in Florida, as printed and circulated by the Georgia Commission on Education. But, in case you haven't, I have thermo-faxed several pages from our lone copy. Note the special word on the NAACP beginning at the bottom of the page numbered 40. I am most impressed that you and Herbert Hill have made it necessary for Matthews to absolve the NAACP of the communist front charge. I am even more impressed that this bill of good health is being circulated by the Georgia Commission. With testimonials like these, how can you lose?

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL March 13, 1958

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Program Director
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Oscar:

First of all, my hearty thanks for the fine dinner and company you gave me. This made the panel discussion much more bearable. I was most impressed with Tumin's presentation; you've got a good man there.

Many thanks too for the copies of the Wall Street Journal reprint, which I gather are on the way.

I have read the draft outline of your Little Rock study, prepared by Tillman Cothran, with much interest. I think it is a very solid job. The two aspects that interested me most are those that deal with the role and importance of leadership (positive and negative) and those concerning self interest as perceived by the people involved. I have some reservation about tentative hypothesis number 6. Of course, no one social value alone is likely to be sufficient in bringing about a change in established patterns of behavior (this, it seems to me, was the central point of Tumin's findings).

But I sensed in the hypothesis as stated the implication that Little Rock went sour because of the major reliance on the "law and order" rationale. If this is a correct assumption, I am not sure I agree. In Louisville, the "law and order" philosophy was the main reliance, as it was in the North Carolina cities and ultimately in Nashville. The difference lay in the abuse of power and authority by Faubus. I am afraid that it is just not realistic to hope for any widespread moral acceptance of desegregation by white Southerners. Certainly, the more moral influence that can be brought to bear, the better. But I think it would be self defeating to conclude that Little Rock failed because of the lack of general moral support for desegregation. As Tumin, again, stated very well, people's attitudes change after rather than before a change in behavior. I strongly hope that this hypothesis and the others he put forward may serve as tentative guides for those who will be doing the Little Rock study.

I hope you will let me know if there is any way my many associates and I can assist as the study gets under way.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. Arthur J. Levin

P. S. I recall that you were to send galleys of the Hannson pamphlet, with word of the anticipated release date, so that I can urge a series on Bem Price.

H.C.F.

March 13, 1958

Mr. Seizo Tanetani
First Secretary
Embassy of Japan
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tanetani:

Thank you very much for the Japanese figures which arrived today. I do appreciate your thoughtfulness.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Tanetani.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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March 13, 1958

Mr. George K. Hunton
Catholic Interracial Council
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, New York

Dear George:

It's a great pleasure to hear from you again. I was most concerned when I learned that you had been in the hospital and was glad to hear from Jim Hughes that you were rapidly improving.

Thanks for the suggestion of Father Gremillion and Father Sigur. I am acquainted with both of them and agree that I could not do better than follow your advice.

I still remember my participation in the Thursday forum with much pleasure and would like nothing better than a return engagement when opportunity permits.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 13 1958

Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg
Director - Public Affairs Programs
Radio Station WHAS
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Dorcas:

Thanks for your good letter. I am very glad that you had a chance to hear Phil Hammer and found his presentation so stimulating. He is unquestionably one of the South's most valuable people. As it happens, he was on the board of the Council until last November. At that time, he begged to be allowed to lie fallow for a term, in consideration of his hard pressed circumstances. Certainly we want to get him back on when we can, in the meantime, we can count on him for all the help he can give.

How did you like the "Face of the South"? All of us are pleased by the use and acclaim it is getting.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 13, 1958

Miss Margaret Williamson
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Office of Public Relations
Cambridge 39, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Williamson:

Thanks so much for your kind letter of February 21. Your words of encouragement mean a great deal to us, particularly at a time when words of another sort are so common.

I think you would like to know that we are giving both financial and program support to the Arkansas Council on Human Relations, an interracial group that is playing a quiet but very constructive role in your home state.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 13, 1958

Mr. George L-P. Weaver
Assistant to the President
I. U. E.
1126 - 16th Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear George:

Thanks for your good letter of March 7 and the news that you are taking on new responsibilities with the IUE. It gives us much pleasure to have two good friends like you and Ben in the same shop. I will see that you receive our publications at your new address.

With best regards and good wishes in your new post,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 13 1958

Mr. Wilton Dillon
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Wilton:

Many thanks for keeping me so well informed.

Unfortunately, I was unable to find your friend among the thousands of orthopsychiatric folks who invaded the Commodore.

I thought the panel on desegregation went reasonably well.

I just learned that the Executive Committee of CCD is at last meeting on March 26, and I may reluctantly make the effort to get there. If so, I hope I will see you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 13, 1958

Mr. Sol Markoff
Director
New York Foundation
61 Broadway
New York 6, New York

Dear Mr. Markoff:

I thought you might want to see the minutes of the last Southern Interagency Conference, held here in Atlanta. They will give you some idea of how the various agencies in the South are operating.

I enjoyed the hour together last week and will look forward to future opportunities to get together.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Minutes of February Interggency Meeting)

March 13, 1958

Mr. Glenn Brooks
Committee on Government and Higher Education
108 West Thirty-Ninth Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Glenn:

I have had our Research Assistant go through the files for information regarding State interference with institutions of higher learning. They are enclosed. The most legitimate instances you will find among the enclosures are: 1) Governor Griffin's interference with the Georgia Tech Sugar Bowl game, 1955; 2) Allen University and Benedict College in South Carolina; 3) Legislative protest when a Negro student singing a lead in an opera at the University of Texas; and 4) Alcorn A & M College student strike and Governor Coleman's action in Mississippi.

This was just a hurried search through the files but it indicates the type of action being taken by State Governments in interfering with college and university activities. Finally, the clipping on the return of Federal funds by Clemson University indicates a conflict of State law and Federal grants with non-discriminatory clauses.

It was good to see you while you were here in Atlanta en route to the meeting in Athens. If we can be of further help, as they say at the Fund for the Republic, please feel free to call on us.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl
Enclosures.

March 13, 1958

Miss Ada Fields
Route 3
Guilford College Branch
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Miss Fields:

Thanks so much for your good letter of March 1.

Morris Rubin has expressed an interest in doing a special issue of the Progressive on the South. If that develops, perhaps we will have a chance to propose an article of the kind you describe. I think it is very important to get this kind of interpretation across.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL March 14, 1958

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Glencoe, Argyll
SCOTLAND

Dear George:

Please forgive this seeming inattention to your letter of January 27. It wasn't wholly negligence; your letter took about a month to arrive (slow boat, instead of plane, I guess) and I've been alternately laid up and out of town since. At any rate, by this time the forms sent by Ruth should have arrived -- not too late, I hope.

We're sending you by slow mail a copy of the annual program report, which I finally got done, and a few other things that tell where we stand. All told, not a bad year, considering we were Mitchell-less. But Lord knows the end's not yet in sight. The shore seems more dimly seen all the time. It's encouraging, though, that the hard core of decency doesn't appear to be shrinking any. Particularly among the clergy, it is expanding a bit.

Money-wise, we continue to get along. One of the things I'm sending separately is our budget and income forecast for 1958, which will show you our ambitions and the sources from which we expect to realize them. Since that was prepared, we have received word of two $5,000 grants from foundations not shown -- The New York Foundation and the Chace Fund (a Quaker enterprise) in Philadelphia. As you

might suppose, Frank Loescher was critically important to the latter (he's on the board!)

Frank himself has just returned from South Africa, where he lined up a potent sponsoring group for the S.A. - U.S.A. exchange program he is working up. The program now has enough funds and sponsorship to start rolling, and Frank will hold the executive reins. He tells me Guy Johnson may be among the first batch of USAers. Among other things, Frank hopes to negotiate (for money!) the SRC's services as the Southern arranger for the South Africans who visit these parts.

Dave Freeman is now a full-time staffer for the Rockefeller Brothers Fund - before which we have a request for $40,000 pending.

As Fred or others will have written you, we are now duly expanded onto the third floor, with much more space and pleasant surroundings for all. We finally had our day with the building's Trustees, beat down all the evil charges, and got a bill of health which I hope will be permanent. As you expect, we are deeply indebted to the Methodist women for the mighty support they gave us through the days of uncertainty preceding the Trustees' decision.

Your letter to Mr. Silberman was gratefully received and mailed on. I have since written him our usual annual letter. If he comes through again, we will have your thoughtfulness to thank.

I'm enclosing a couple of clippings that demonstrate that the Mitchells are far from forgotten on this side. "The Face of the South" continues to grow in currency and popularity.

We look forward with eagerness to each progress report on the house a'building. I hope the weather will permit an early house-warming, and will yield us a handsome photograph of the finished product with you and Alice proudly decorating the front stoop.

The very best to you both from all of us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

P. S. Just had a visit from Mr. Byrd. Shades of the past!

March 14, 1958

Mr. Edwin Lukas
Director
Department of National Affairs
American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Ed:

At the last Southern Interagency Conference the participants were pleased and encouraged by the news that the American Jewish Committee has agreed to participate in the proposed joint fact-finding project on violence, intimidation, and reprisals.

Seven organizations have now definitely committed themselves, and four more have advised us that they still have the proposal under consideration and will very possibly want to be included. The organizations that have definitely accepted are: The American Friends Service Committee, ADL, AJC, NAACP, UAW, The National Council of Churches of Christ, and SRC. On the basis of these commitments, we can now set the pro rata figure of $500 per agency as the maximum that will be required for the project. If the project turns out to be less expensive than we anticipated, or if further acceptances lower the pro rata amount, any surplus will be returned.

The steering committee for the project - drawn mainly from Atlanta based staff members of participating agencies - will be meeting shortly to select

a project director and get the effort under way. Meanwhile, if it is convenient for you to send me a check for your agency's share of the financing, we will be able to get the project under way that much more quickly. The check may be made out to the Southern Regional Council, with the special purpose designated.

We will see that you are kept informed of the progress of the project each step of the way.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. Samuel Lubin

P. S. I am mindful that the amount which AJC will contribute is not yet determined. Of course, we are hoping for the full $500, but a lesser amount would not alter the plans in any way.

H.C.F.

March 14, 1958

Mr. Seizo Tanetani
First Secretary
Embassy of Japan
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Tanetani:

I want to thank you for the nice gift of two Japanese dolls. They now sit on my bookcase in the office on prominent display.

It was a pleasure to have you both as guests in our office and to talk with you about the progress that is being made in race relations in the Southern part of the United States. Any time we may be of assistance please feel free to call upon us.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

March 14, 1958

Mr. John Hope, II
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear John:

I have just written to Vernon Eagle to tell him that you would inform him of the details of where, when, etc. of the March 29th meeting with SRC's Consultants in Nashville. His address is:

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
The New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

All best wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

March 14, 1958

American Civil Liberties Union
170 - 5th Avenue
New York 10, New York

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Dear Sirs:

The following are the nominations offer from the South. I cannot guarantee they will accept, but am sure they are in accord with our principles and it would be great to have them.

Alabama:
Mr. Buford Boone, Editor
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Arkansas:
Mr. Fred Darragh
Darragh Building Supply Co.
Longfellow Square
Little Rock, Arkansas

Mr. Edwin E. Dunaway(former Justice Supreme Court,Ark.)
Union Life Building
Little Rock, Arkansas

Georgia:
Mr. Sylvan Meyer, Editor
Gainesville Times
Gainesville, Georgia

S P (Rutenberg?)

Kentucky:
Miss Dorcas Rutenberg, Director
Public Affairs Program
Radio Station WHAS
Louisville,Kentucky

(continued)

Mr. J. M. Tydings
Owl Creek Lane
Anchorage, Kentucky

Sp (Sy+2)

Louisiana:
Miss Florence Sykes
Tulane University
New Orleans, Louisiana
(Her college position might prevent her accepting.
She would be splendid if she could accept.)

Looking forward to being with you Friday the 21st.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

March 14, 1958

Circulation Manager
New York Post
75 West Street
New York 6, New York

Dear Sir:

In our recent order for issues of your magazine, the magazine section was missing from the February 25th issue you sent us. Would you please mail us a copy as soon as possible as the magazine section contains a series on segregation that we are interested in.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

March 14, 1958

Jefferson Hotel
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir:

Please hold a reservation for me for a single room and bath for May 6-9, for the Assembly of the Woman's Division of the Christian Service of the Methodist Church.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

VIA AIR MAIL March 17, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

I am pleased that you thought well of the annual report and feel it will provide useful background for some of your board members. I'm enclosing half-a-dozen copies.

Dave's new post with the Rockefeller Brothers Fund sounds good, indeed; both he and the Fund are lucky. I suppose by the time you read this you will have seen Frank Loescher. He tells me they are about ready to crank up the exchange program, which is also welcome news.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 6 (SRC Annual Report, 1957)

March 17, 1958

Miss Glenda Caldwell
311 Spencer Hall
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Miss Caldwell:

Thank you for your letter of the 11th, requesting employment with the Southern Regional Council.

Unfortunately at this time we do not have an opening in which I believe you would be interested. The only employment we could offer in June or shortly thereafter would be of a secretarial nature and no doubt you are anxious to seek employment more in line with your training.

We will be happy to keep your request on file, amd tp contact you if an appropriate opportunity arises. If, after your graduation, you remain interested in the possibility of work with the Council, you might want to send us your permanent address and any background material which might be of help.

If you are particularly interested in the field of human relations, the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials may be able to help you. This group keeps a listing of available professional vacancies in the field. Their address is: 152 West 42nd Street, Room 1508, New York 36, New York.

We are grateful for your interest in the Council and sincerely regret that we have nothing more definite to offer.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

March 17, 1958

Mr. John Hope II
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

Thanks for the copy of the letter Bonita wrote to Maceo Smith. Faith has done a good job of copying it and I am sending a copy to C.H. I will await further word from you before sending an edited edition to Will Campbell or Jean Fairfax.

I appreciated the humor in your note, and it was my understanding also that Maceo Smith was a member of the Convening Committee.

I will make notes of the proposed dates for the various workshops and will talk with Via as you suggested.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.
FBR:fcl

March 17, 1958

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Have received your card requesting the temporary return of your first quarterly report. It is enclosed herewith.

THIS IS OUR ONLY COPY. WE NEED IT BACK FOR OUR FILES.

We could have reproduced the report on our Thermofax machine had it been done in black ink, but unfortunately the Thermofax will not pick up blue ink.

I trust this will help you tie the second quarterly report into the first report properly. Please return this report with all deliberate speed - but not as interpreted by the State of South Carolina.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.
FBR:fcl

March 17, 1958

Rev. Hugh Brimm
Executive Director
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
4435 Blenheim Road
Louisville 7, Kentucky

Dear Hugh:

Sorry to hear that you have misplaced the first two memos on quarterly reports, but no need to feel ashamed about it. They probably got misplaced during the move back to Louisville. I know that in our recent expansion from the fourth to the third floor we misplaced many documents too!

Anyhow, here are the two memoranda.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosures.
FBR:fcl

March 18, 1958

Mr. Richard Bailey
Director
PEP
16 Queen Anne's Gate
London, S.W.1., England.

Dear Mr. Bailey:

It was very nice to have had you in our office for even a brief visit. I am sorry that this report was not available at that time.

I trust that the remainder of your tour in the United States was profitable. Please feel free to call on us if there is any service which you think we could render to you.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosure.
EFV:fcl

March 18, 1958

Dr. C. H. Parrish
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C. H.:

You will recall the Executive Committee request that the staff consider and report on the feasibility of a college program. Accordingly, we hope to assemble the appropriate staff persons plus others in Atlanta who work in this area for a meeting on April 16. If possible, we would like to have you with us for this meeting.

This is a preliminary meeting to consider what is now being done, what SRC may or may not do to help, etc. In short, a meeting to explore the whole idea.

The date of April 16 is tentative. Please let me know as soon as possible whether or not you can be here on that date. In turn, we will confirm that date as soon as we are able to determine your response and that of the Atlanta people.

Regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

Enclosures: GSM Memo to State Organizations re: Political Activity - dtd. Oct. 1, 1956

HCF Memo to State Organizations re: Legislative Reporting - dtd. Mar. 21, 1957

March 18, 1958

Mr. Hubert S. Beckwith
The Congregational Christian Church
of Fairfax County
P. O. Box 186
Annandale, Virginia

Dear Mr. Beckwith:

Enclosed are copies of memoranda circulated to all of the state councils receiving financial assistance from SRC. As you will see, we are bound by our own tax-exempt status and that of our contributors to require abstention from all political activity - including any efforts to influence legislation.

Believe me, we understand fully how restrictive this requirement is for a citizens' organization concerned with justice and equal opportunity. But the regulations of the Internal Revenue Service leave us no choice in the matter. To do otherwise would be to jeopardize further contributions to SRC and our tax-exempt status itself, which is essential to the organization's very existence.

I hope you and the other officers of the Virginia Council know how much we appreciate the valuable service you are rendering, and that we wish to assist you in every way we can.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2

March 18, 1958

Mr. D. John Heyman
Secretary
New York Foundation, Inc.
61 Broadway
New York 6, New York

Dear Mr. Heyman:

Our warm thanks for your letter of March 10 informing us that a grant of $5,000 to the Council has been approved by the New York Foundation.

Please express our appreciation to the Trustees for this important assistance to the Council's work. We shall keep you informed of our program activities in the months to come.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 18, 1958

Mr. John V.P. Lassoe, Jr.
Executive Secretary
National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials
152 West 42nd Street, Room 1508
New York 36, N.Y.

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter of March 13th. I, too, regret that we missed each other before you left Atlanta for there were several things I wanted to discuss with you. However, there will be ample opportunity, I hope, when I am in New York for the NAIRO Board meeting -- May 2nd and 3rd.

I have discussed with Harold and Garry the question of tax exemption for our internship program which you raised in your letter. It is our reluctant decision that SRC should not apply for such exemption for the following reasons, which I ask you to treat confidentially:

1. We exist in an unfriendly political atmosphere and our actions are subject to careful scrutiny and, with the least excuse, there are those who would insist on another full review of our entire tax exempt status. Having spent six weeks in this procedure in the last eighteen months we are not anxious to go through the ordeal again.

2. In our publicity seeking an intern we referred to "salary" and not "grant". We have continued to use that language. Therefore, any investigation would uncover this unhappy factor and would further prejudice a request for tax exemption for the intern.

Continued . . .

3. The Jacksonville district office has refused a similar request from the Florida agency participating in the internship program. Florida is not a hard core area; Georgia is. Local opinion has a strong influence on district office decisions.

All best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

bc sent to: Paul Christopher and Ben Segal with thermo-fax copy of Meany ltr. dtd. 3/12/58

VIA AIR MAIL

March 18, 1958

Mr. George Meany
President
A.F.L. - C.I.O.
815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Meany:

We acknowledge with appreciation your letter of March 12 and check for $1,000 representing the AFL-CIO's 1958 contribution to the work of the Southern Regional Council.

We are, naturally, disappointed that the AFL-CIO found it necessary to reduce its contribution this year. However, we do realize that this is a time of unusual demands upon organized labor. And we are reassured by your kind comments on the value of the Council's work. This encourages us to hope that the AFL-CIO will later find it possible to resume a larger measure of assistance.

I am sending our official receipt to Secretary-Treasurer Schnitzler, from whom we have also received a much-appreciated letter.

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Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 18, 1958

Mrs. Mary Lena House
President, Council of Ladies Auxiliaries
URWA
1963 Ninth Street
Akron 14, Ohio

Dear Mrs. House:

Emory Via has asked me to send you the enclosed "Notes on Southern Labor History, 1900-1945" by Benjamin D. Segal.

The notes for the early period (before 1900) will be sent to you direct from Mr. Segal's office (Trade Union Program on Civil Liberties and Rights, 1244 19th Street, N.W., Washington 6, D.C.).

Sincerely,

Faith C. Lawson
Secretary to Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosure.
FCL:s

March 18, 1958

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211 Chestnut Street
Suffolk, Virginia

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Sincerely,

Faith C. Lawson
Secretary to Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosure.
FCL:s

March 18, 1958

Miss Emily Johnson
Secretary to Benjamin D. Segal
Director, Trade Union Program on Civil Liberties
and Rights
1244 Nineteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Miss Johnson:

At Emory Via's request I have today sent Mr. Segal's "Notes on Southern Labor History, 1900-1945" to the following:

Mr. James H. Boyette
211 Chestnut Street
Suffolk, Virginia

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President, Council of Ladies Auxiliaries
URWA
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With many thanks.

Sincerely,

Faith C. Lawson
Secretary to Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

FCL:s

MEMORANDUM

March 18, 1958

To: Harold Fleming
Paul Anthony
Ruth Alexander

From: Emory Via

Herbert Hill is due to come into Atlanta the evening of March 18th. He will probably call our office on Wednesday, 19th March, while I am in Anniston, Alabama.

If he does he should be told to contact William Shields of Gammon Theological Seminary -- MUrray 8-4269.

Mr. Shields will expect to meet with Hill sometime Wednesday evening. Time and place to be arranged by the two of them.

March 18, 1958

Mr. John Hope, II
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

You will recall the Executive Committee request that the staff consider and report on the feasibility of a college program. Accordingly, we hope to assemble the appropriate staff persons plus others in Atlanta who work in this area for a meeting on April 16. If possible, we would like to have you with us for this meeting.

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Regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

MEMORANDUM

March 18, 1958

To: Paul Anthony

From: Emory Via

In conversation with Richard Hocking he indicated that the letters from Mrs. Tilly, Harold Fleming, and Emory Via were OK, except that he would delete paragraph 2 in Harold's.

These letters, and copies of the request to the Ella Lyman Cabot Trust, should be ready to go to the various Trustees. However, they will not be sent until we hear from Hocking. He is now in New England and will send a card to us if he finds out that these materials should go right away. The card will come to the office. You should look out for it in case I am on vacation.

If the letters are not to be sent until he returns to Atlanta then he will supply us with his own personal accompanying letter to go to each of the Trustees.

March 19, 1958

Mr. Thomas W. Young
Norfolk Journal and Guide
719 East Olney Road
Norfolk 1, Virginia

Dear Mr. Young:

As a matter of fact, I don't believe we ever did get a letter of formal acceptance from you, but in view of our other correspondence I felt I could safely assume your willingness to serve.

We are very glad to have your recent letter making it official.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

bc sent to: James M. Dabbs (see ltr. to Dabbs of this date)

March 19, 1958

Miss Sarah R. Benson
Secretary
Anna H. and Elizabeth M. Chace Fund
1515 Cherry Street
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Benson:

Mr. Dabbs has sent me a copy of your most welcome letter of March 13 notifying us of the favorable action on our request by the Anna H. and Elizabeth M. Chace Fund. To the appreciation expressed by Mr. Dabbs I should like to add the thanks of the Council's staff for this valuable assistance to our work.

I am enclosing the photostatic copy of our letter of tax exemption, as you requested. We shall see that you are fully informed of the Council's activities, in support of which the Fund's grant will be used.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Photostatic copy of Tax Exemption Ltr.)

March 19, 1958

Miss Margaret Fisher
910 West End Avenue, 7A
New York 25, New York

Dear Margaret:

Very pleasant indeed to hear from you and to find you once again doing the Lord's work. I hope that temporary stint leads to bigger, better, and more permanent things.

After a long silence, Josephine called me -- or rather us, the Flemings -- Saturday. The occasion was Gary's seventh birthday, which Josephine remembered with her usual thoughtfulness. She gave no hint of her plans, if any, but I was content to hear her sounding so refreshed and lively.

The very best to you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. We did, indeed, see the Louisiana "proclamation" and have been trying to lay some groundwork for some prompt counter-action if there is a repetition.

H.C.F.

19 March, 1958

Mr. William G. Shannon
Encampment for Citizenship
2 West 64th Street
New York 23, N.Y.

Dear Bill:

Harold and I have gone over your proposed memo to the state Councils which cooperate with SRC. We have made a few minor changes in it due to the changed relationship between SRC and the state Councils. Other than this the memo is fine. I am enclosing the corrected version with this note.

All best wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.
FBR:fcl

March 19, 1958

Mr. John Hope, II
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear John:

The greater Atlanta Council's workshop has now firmed up for April 9th and they definitely want you to be here for it. This, I believe, is a worth while project for the Consultant Service Program so do hope you can make it.

All best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

P.S. Will send you an outline of the program when it is available.

FBR:fcl

19th March 1958.

Mr. Sidney Bernstein,
Managing Director,
Granada Television,
Manchester, England.

Dear Mr. Bernstein,

I understand that on 25th February last Granada television carried a report, under the title "The White Jungle", about the problems of coloured people in Britain.

The Southern Regional Council consists of a small group of sociologists working in the Southern area of the United States for the betterment of racial relations and the achievement of a more democratic society, and we are, naturally, most interested in factual information about similar problems in other parts of the world. We should be most appreciative if you could send us a copy of the script of "The White Jungle"; and if there are any other reports on this subject to which you could refer us we should be glad to know about them.

I have been asked to pen this letter to you as I am an English woman working temporarily with the Southern Regional Council and it was I who discovered the reference to your programme about the colour problem in "The Manchester Guardian" of 26th February.

Yours sincerely,

Faith C. Lawson
Secretary to Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FCL:s

March 19, 1958

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Many thanks for your several recent communications. In order to deal with a variety of matters in this letter, I am adopting your device of numbered paragraphs:

1. I have sent a copy of the relevant paragraph from the West Coast newsletter to Bill Williams, and have returned the original to your brother. Incidentally, I hope I am correct in assuming that Williams has been in communication with your brother about the proposed publication.

2. I have taken the liberty of copying the letters from your brother, for future reference, and am returning the originals herewith. We have had no fund-raising relationship with any of the organizations he mentions - though we are completely willing to remedy this omission. I do not have Mr. Chester Davis' address but will try to secure it and pass it along to Mr. Preston Wright.

3. I feel confident that you will hear from Popham. Aside from the notorious laxity of newspapermen in correspondence, Popham is much away from home. If a response is not forthcoming soon, I will be glad to send your manuscript to the Times Magazine, but I think we should allow Popham a little more time.

4. The clipping from the News and Courier was colorful, if replusive. Ashmore has since sent me a copy of the speech in question, and I am reassured to find that it is neither more nor less "Marxist" than my own quoted remarks.

5. The letterhead is prescribed by Mrs. Alexander herself. While there is no reason (aside from modesty) why she should be last on the list, it is the fact that she should be listed as a staff member rather than an officer. You may recall that the bylaws specify that no staff member, including secretary-treasurer, shall be a member of the corporation. There is provision for a lay treasurer as an officer of the corporation, but this position has never been filled.

6. We have made little progress toward securing the necessary financial support for the proposed conference on race and foreign relations - mainly because of the pressing needs of our general operating budget. I am to be in New York next week and hope to explore the possibility with one or two foundations. In any case, we are far from shelving the idea.

7. If you have not heard already, I know you will be glad to learn that the Chace Fund has approved a grant of $5,000 for the general support of the Council's work. I am sure that Mr. Evans' favorable association with you and Mr. Dabbs was an important factor.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2

March 19, 1958

The Esquire Club
Irvington-on-Hudson,
New York

Attn: The Credit Department

Gentlemen:

We are in receipt of your mimeographed letter stamped March 17. Your form request of "the signature of a corporate officer, partner, or proprietor" is somewhat difficult in our case. The Southern Regional Council, while incorporated, is a non-profit educational organization. As such, its financial matters, though supervised by a Board of Directors and an Executive Committee, are conducted by the Secretary-Treasurer. All financial transactions and credit arrangements are made through the office of the Secretary-Treasurer.

Accordingly, you will find the signature of the Secretary-Treasurer on your form which is enclosed. Her signature, as well as that of the Executive Director of the Council, appeared on our original letter to you.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Esquire Club Form C-3)

VIA AIR MAIL

March 19, 1958

Mr. William F. Schnitzler
Secretary-Treasurer
A. F. L. - C. I. O.
815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Schnitzler:

Many thanks for your kind letter of March 17 concerning the AFL-CIO's contribution to the work of the Southern Regional Council. The continuing confidence and support of the AFL-CIO means a great deal to us.

I am enclosing our official acknowledgement and receipt for the check of $1,000 forwarded by President Meany.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official Receipt)

VIA AIR MAIL

March 19, 1958

Mr. Preston L. Wright
58 Sutter Street
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mr. Wright:

Enclosed is the original of the Clearinghouse newsletter which Marion Wright asked me to return to you. I have sent a copy of the pertinent paragraph to Bill Williams of the Florida Council.

We are both impressed by and grateful for your effective activity on behalf of our efforts in the South.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 Clearinghouse Newsletter

Sent to Bill Wms
FLA. Council - F.Y.I. 3/19/58

C O P Y

Taken from: The Bay Area Human Relations Clearinghouse
March/ 1958

HANDS ACROSS THE MASON-DIXON

The speeches of Marion A. Wright, President of the Southern Regional Council, have been a strong voice of conscience in the South, coming as they do from a Southerner. Wright recently made such a speech in Daytona Beach, Florida, calling all Southerners to integration, and many of his friends in the North and West are now anxious to raise enough money in this area to print some thousands of this speech for wide distributiin in the South. Any individual or group interested may receive further information through the Clearing House.

This clearing house of information and service is maintained by the staffs of major human relations agencies in the Bay Area. No agency is responsible for any service or activity except those specifically attributed to it.

Encls. bc. Ltr. from HCF to Miss Sarah R. Benson
Thermo-fax copy of Miss Benson's ltr. to JMDabbs
George Meany ltr dtd. March 12, 1958
New York Fund ltr. dtd. March 10, 1958
New World Foundation ltr. dtd. March 3, 1958

March 19, 1958

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Thanks for sending the good news from the Chace Fund. I enclose a copy of Miss Benson's letter for your files, as well as my letter forwarding the photostat.

I am sure that the high esteem in which you are held by Mr. Evans and his fellow Quakers was an important factor. We also had a helping hand from Frank Loescher, who returned from South Africa in time to sit in on the decisive meeting.

I am also enclosing notes of two other grants, recently received. While ~~these~~ make good reading, actually our prospects are not as bright as they were at the time of the executive committee meeting. This is mainly because the New World Foundation has tax difficulties that may prevent their renewing support ($20,000 last year), and because of the reduction of $2,000 in the AFL-CIO's contribution. However, I am hoping we can offset at least a part of these prospective losses in the next few months.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 5

March 20, 1958

Miss Mayme Porter
302 Carr Dormitory
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Miss Porter:

Unfortunately, as yet we are not in a position to confirm your employment for the summer. However, we are now working on several staff vacancies and our ability to fill these vacancies will determine, in part, whether or not we can offer you summer employment.

A definite confirmation before mid-May will be difficult. I realize this is not helpful to you in making your plans and if we are able to act sooner we will most certainly do so. In general however, as when I talked with Miss Queen, I remain hopeful and optimistic over the possibility.

You will be interested to know that we have received recommendations from each of the persons whom you suggested and all are most complimentary. None were able to address themselves to your secretarial skills. However, I assume from your application that your general office skills are sufficient to meet normal office requirements.

Again, I regret that we are unable to make a definite commitment. However, the chances are good that in time we can do so.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

March 20, 1958

B. Tartt Bell
AFSC

Dear Tartt:

It's far too dark down here for you to go shooting into it. Your man Walker is not to be found in Atlanta and perhaps not in Harvard. The response to my query was, " Who would go to Harvard for social ethics?" (HCF please note).

Since when did AFSC decide on a $5,000.00 cash value for its spiritual attractiveness.

I understand that you can find Walker at Union Seminary. Or that G, McLeod Bryan, Dept. pf Philosophy, Wake Forrest could tell you his whereabouts.

Lammar Clement of the Atlanta Christian Council is my informant; he is afriend of Walkers and past schoolmate.

It goes without saying that my secretary is absent from the office.

Trust you find your man. Best personal wishes.

Emory F. Via

March 20, 1958

Mr. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N. E. 2nd Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

Thanks for the comment concerning the Cartwright article.

As to extra use, I would suggest that you investigate the possibility of reproduction there. You could, of course, have it printed; but an easier method would be simply a photographic process. This would probably be considerably cheaper than a new printing job. The article is contained on four pages so it would be a simple matter to produce those four pages through photographic process with the Florida Council imprint on the first page someplace. Someone knowledgeable in the printing business could fill you in on how this is done.

Let me know what you do.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bc

March 20, 1958

Mr. Robert Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218, Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hughes:

At the request of John Constable I am passing on to you the attached list of religious publications which are currently on our mailing list to receive New South.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary

MF
Enclosure - 1 (List)

VIA AIR MAIL

March 20, 1958

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Glencoe, Argyll
SCOTLAND

Dear George:

I wanted you to know at once that the good man, David Silberman, has come through already with a contribution of $400. No letter, just the check -- which speaks eloquently of the friendship you built so well.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 20, 1958

Mr. John H. Wheeler
President
Mechanics & Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I am remiss in not having written you earlier about all you did to make Vernon Eagle's short visit to Durham pleasant and instructive. In a letter the other day, he spoke warmly of you and of the hospitality you showed him.

Knowing how busy you are, I am all the more grateful for the time and energy you gave to Eagle's visit. This was a real service to the Council and the other positive Southern efforts which Eagle may be in position to assist.

With appreciation and kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 20, 1958

Mr. David Silberman
Sigmund Silberman Foundation
1900-44 North Paulina Street
Chicago 22, Illinois

Dear Mr. Silberman:

We are warmly grateful for the generous contribution from the Sigmund Silberman Foundation, following so promptly on our request.

At a time when it is easy to become discouraged, your continuing friendship and support mean a great deal to us.

When an opportunity arises for me to visit Chicago, I hope to meet you and express our thanks in person.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official Receipt)

Enclosures: Wall St. Journal Article: "Sports Segregation..."
dtd. 3/18/58
Wall St. Journal Reprint: "Segregation Costs..."
dtd. 12/17/57
Wall St. Journal Reprint: "Religion & Race..."
dtd. 2/14/58
14 copies: N.Y.T. Reprint: "The Southern Negro..."
By John Popham, dtd. 12/1/57

March 20, 1958

Mr. John Popham
The New York Times Bureau
c/o The Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Pop:

Here are a few things I wanted you to have - notably some reprints of your article and three of the Wall Street Journal's recent pieces on race.

I thought you would also be interested in the story about a tangle between Blossom and Miss Samuels, representing the New York Times Magazine. It looks as though these Yankee Times representatives are just doomed to squabble with the Little Rock authorities.

I'll be watching for your piece on the county unit system in the Sunday Times.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

March 21, 1958

Mr. Louis A. Radelet, Chairman
Resources and Planning Committee
N. A. I. R. O.
152 West 42nd Street, Room 1508
New York 36, New York

Dear Lou:

In response to your memo of March 19th, I have jotted down, in general terms, my concept of the role and responsibilities of NAIRO's Resources and Planning Committee.

I plan to be in New York for the next NAIRO Board Meeting and hope there will be time for this committee to meet as you propose.

All good wishes.

In haste,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Statement)

ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF NAIRO'S RESOURCES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

(A statement submitted by F. B. Routh,
Southern Regional Council, Atlanta, Ga.)

The Resources and Planning Committee is a creature of the Board of Directors; it is responsible to the Board. Its function is to assess long-term trends in the field of intergroup relations and the professional needs of intergroup relations officials; to recommend to the Board, on the basis of its findings, such actions as will make NAIRO a more effective and well-respected professional association.

In pursuit of these goals it shall carry out such assignments as the Board may direct and carry on such other activities as may be necessary in the fulfillment of its obligations.

3/21/58

March 21, 1958

Mr. Harold Boyd, President
Virginia State AFL-CIO
102 North Belevedere Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Hal:

It was good to chat with you by phone yesterday. The film is busier than I thought, but a copy will be forwarded to you today from Little Rock, Arkansas and it should reach you in time. If you get a chance, I would like to hear what kind of group saw the film and their reactions to it.

Face of the South is available in color only for $180.00 from the Broadcasting and Film Commission, The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., 220 - 5th Avenue, New York 1, New York.

The information on the book is as follows: The Impending Crisis of the South: How to Meet It, by Hinton Helper; it was published in 1857 by Burdick Brothers in New York City. There is a good chance that the city or state library would have this volume. If not, I would suggest you try the University of Richmond Library.

One more letter like this and I'll think you are running an academic institute instead of a labor organization.

Best wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/mf

March 21, 1958

Dr. Harry Meserve
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Harry:

I thought you might find these minutes of the last Southern interagency meeting of general interest.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Minutes of Interagency Conf., Feb 25, 1958)

VIA AIR MAIL March 21, 1958

Mr. Frank Loescher
414 South 46th Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

Thanks for your note, which just arrived. Real fine that you have arranged appointments with both Paffrath and Pifer.

My plans are all set - barring such catastrophies as another blizzard. My plane is due in at LaGuardia at about 3:00 o'clock, and I will come straight to the Carnegie Endowment Building. I expect to be staying at the Commodore again.

We have received official notification and the check from the Chace Fund, as well as official notification of the $5,000 grant from the New York Foundation. I talked briefly with Dave Freeman yesterday about some internship business and gathered from him that Vernon Eagle had spoken of us very favorably in some useful places. I trust you and Eagle had a good get-together.

It will be good to see you again next week.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 21, 1958

Mr. David Freeman
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Dave:

You may already have received a copy of these minutes through the routine mailing, but I wanted to be sure.

You will note, among other things, that the joint fact-finding project is finally congealing. We expect to begin, with Margaret Price as the project person, in about two weeks. She will be working out of SRC's offices and under our day-to-day direction, though the overall direction will be in the hands of an interagency subcommittee of five.

A copy of the minutes was also sent to the Norman Fund.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Interagency Conf. Minutes, Feb. 25, 1958)

P. S. You will also see that the Southern interagency group has tactfully declared its independence.

H.C.F.

Same note to: Father Sigur, Vernon Eagle, Frank Loescher

March 21, 1958

Dear Paul:

I thought you would like to see this good letter from Archbishop Lucey, commenting on our annual report.

Regards,

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Same ltr. sent to: Dr. Clement, Mr. J. M. Dabbs

March 21, 1958

Dear Mr. Wright:

I thought you would like to see these good letters from Mr. Carlyle and Archbishop Lucey, commenting on our annual report.

Regards,

Mr. M. A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, N. C.

March 21, 1958

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

I thought you might like to have a copy of the Council's last annual report and the 1957 audit. Part of the activities reported were made possible by the third-year grant from the Field Foundation, for which we are most grateful.

I hope I may have the opportunity to talk with you again on some early visit to New York.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2 (Annual Report & Audit, 1957)

Same ltr. sent to: Dr. Grayson Kirk, Col. Univ.
Mr. Edwin Wolf

March 21, 1958

Dr. Buell G. Gallagher
President
The City College of New York
Convent Avenue at 139th Street
New York 31, New York

Dear Dr. Gallagher:

I thought you might like to have the enclosed copy of the Council's annual report, which has been completed since I wrote you last.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (SRC Annual Report, 1957)

March 24, 1958

Mrs. Alice R. Davis
Paine College
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Davis:

I find it will be possible for me to be with you on April 14, and perhaps together we can work out the projects needed in Augusta to better Human Relations.

I am delighted that you had such a good group present, and your collection was very fine.

Looking forward to being with you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

(Signed in Mrs. Tilly's absence)

March 24, 1958

Mrs. Earl Andrews
3135 Audubon Road
Montgomery 6, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Andrews:

I think it is well that you are to have district meetings instead of one state-wide meeting. As my calendar stands now I can be with you on both April 29, and the Stillman Conference on Monday, June 9.

Mr. T. M. Alexander of Atlanta will be a far better speaker on "The High Cost of Segregation" than Mrs. Boyle.

I do have some money for your workshop but I do not have enough for two speakers.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

(Signed in Mrs. Tilly's absence)

March 24, 1958

Hotels Convention Reservation Bureau
911 Locust Street--Room 406
St. Louis 1, Missouri

Gentlemen:

In reply to your card of March 21, I will arrive in St. Louis on the morning of May 6, and will remain through the 9th, to attend the Assembly of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church.

Please let me know about my reservation.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

(Signed in the absence of Mrs. Tilly)

March 24, 1958

Mrs. Margaret Bender
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Mrs. Bender:

This is to give you the dates of the meeting of "The Fellowship of the Concerned," October 23 and 24, in Atlanta. We will want you to be here on the 22nd and speak to a large community group on United Nations. Expenses for your travel will come out of "The Fellowship of the Concerned" fund.

Please put a ring around these three dates on your calendar. It will be more than wonderful to have you in the workshop, and to speak to the Morningside people.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

(Signed in Mrs. Tilly's absence)

March 24, 1958

Mr. James P. Brawley, President
Clark College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Brawley:

"The Fellowship of the Concerned - Southern Women Concerned About Their South" of the Southern Regional Council, will meet in Atlanta, October 23 and 24. We would like to begin on the evening of the 23rd continuing through noon of the 24th.

Would it be possible for you to accommodate approximately seventy-five for the night of the 23rd? Also we would need a dinner meal on the 23rd and breakfast and lunch on the 24th.

There is no nicer place in Atlanta to meet than Kresge Hall and no nicer hostess than Clark College.

The women who are coming will be from the Southeastern states and will be Protestants, Jews and Catholics, and of both races.

I would certainly appreciate it if you would give me an early reply.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

March 24, 1958

Miss Thelma Stevens
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Thelma:

The dates for our workshop of "The Fellowship of the Concerned" are October 23 and 24.

We are asking Mrs. Bender to be with us also, and will pay her expenses from the Fellowship fund. We do need both of you, as you well know how things are here in the South. So please mark these dates on your calendar and don't let anything keep you from being with us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

(Signed in Mrs. Tilly's absence)

March 24, 1958

Mr. John Hope, II
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

Here are comments from Fred and Emory on your impressive outline for merit employment programs. You may find their reactions helpful.

My own reaction is very simple: I find the outline impressive both in scope and soundness of detail. But I do think its very length and exhaustiveness are likely to intimidate most non-professional community leaders. Perhaps what is needed is two versions -- this one and a simplified, stripped-down version for the uninitiated. Or perhaps there are other ways to solve the problem; e.g., a reassuring note at the beginning, starring the most important items, etc.

I should think any professional worth his salt would find the outline extremely helpful, as is; accordingly, I am taking the liberty of retaining this copy for our reference.

Best regards,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2

March 24, 1958

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Glencoe
Argyll, Scotland

Dear George:

Thanks for your card asking about the chap who teaches the Workshop at the University of Michigan. We have correspondence from two people there, but the one I believe you knew best was Fred G. Walcott. The other chap is Allen Menlo. Either one can be reached at the following address: Co-Director of the Workshop in Human Relations, School of Education, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. It was Fred Walcott to whom you promised your Scottish address.

I trust that you and Alice are either about to or already have moved into the new croft. We here at the Council would appreciate a progress report on how things are going and of course would welcome any pictures you might take.

I am sending with this a copy of Pop's article in the New York Times and also an article from the Wall Street Journal on the high cost of segregation. Both of them are well done and have proved to be helpful program materials.

The state Councils still continue to perform worthwhile and courageous efforts in the field. The Arkansas Council has just received a three year grant at $8,000 p.a. from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. This is the first state group to secure such sizeable outside aid. The Virginia Council now has roughly one thousand members. It is the largest of the groups. The Florida Council is doing well in the Dade County area and also in Gainesville, Daytona, Tampa, and Tallahassee. I am mailing you separately, by slow boat, our most recent Newsletter.

Continued . . .

Dr. George S. Mitchell March 24, 1958

As Harold mentioned in his letter "The Face of the South" is enjoying wide circulation. I used it at the AFL-CIO State meeting at Old Point Comfort at the end of last month. Many of the people at the meeting were from Southside Virginia. I was amazed at how well they received my frontal assault on segregation. I tied the pro-segregation crowd and the anti-labor crowd together in no uncertain terms, and this impressed them. They were equally, or even more, impressed by the film, so it would appear that GSM, like John Brown -- "his faith is marching on".

All good wishes to Alice and you.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosures.
FBR:fcl

VIA AIR MAIL

March 24, 1958

Mrs. Margaret Price
Route 1
McLean, Virginia

Dear Margaret:

I have talked to the other steering committee members (Art Levin, Ruby Hurley, Sam Lubin, A. J. Committee) and found them wholeheartedly in favor of my proposal. So let's plan definitely on your beginning the fact-finding as soon after Easter as you conveniently can.

The agreed-upon financial arrangement is the same as last time -- namely, $27 per day as fee and $8.00 per day as expenses. Modest but, I trust, satisfactory.

We're all looking forward to having you aboard again. Can't Bem find a pretext to come down, too, for a few days? He hasn't done a Southern story in sl long he'll forget what it's like to be attacked.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 24, 1958

Mrs. Elizabeth Brantley
2507 - E Goss Street
Boulder, Colorado

Dear Liz:

Ruth was good enough to show me the letter you wrote her. We were all happy to hear that the Brantley clan is returning to Tara.

It now seems that I will be without secretary by the time you arrive back in Atlanta. My good secretary, Faith Lawson, is returning to England where she has been a research assistant with the BBC. Emory Via, whom you will remember as our Labor Consultant, shares a secretary with me, and both of us remember well the high degree of skill and pleasant personality of Liz Brantley. Is there a chance that you would be interested in this position?

Things go well here at the Council and we are kept busy. I feel that we are making more significant contributions to social change now than ever before in the history of the Council. Much of this is spelled out in our Annual Report, and I am sending you a copy under separate cover. Mildred Flowers has worked out extremely well as Harold's secretary and is doing noble work. Frances Carnes has married and left us and her replacement as receptionist did not work out so we are without receptionist at the moment.

All good wishes to you and E.J. and the little one.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

Encls: List of Interagency Conf. Participants
Director of Interagency Agencies

March 24, 1958

Mr. Haskell L. Lazere
Director
American Jewish Congress
Southeast Regional Office
Room 906, Congress Building
111 N. E. 2nd Avenue
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Haskell:

Thanks for your welcome letter. I am enclosing a list of those in attendance at the last interagency meeting, and also our directory of agencies active in the South. The latter is revised periodically and should be sent to you automatically in the future.

I found your comments on the bombing very interesting. My own feeling has been that the Miami bombing, in particular, was a manifestation of anti-semitism rather than anti-integration feeling. Your analysis certainly seems to bear this out. Let's hope the police investigation is more successful than it was last time.

I am glad we had a chance to get acquainted at the interagency meeting and am looking forward to a cooperative association in the future.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Encls. - 2

VIA AIR MAIL

March 24, 1958

Mr. William duTrieuille
Y. M. C. A.
315 Pearl Street
Hartford 4, Connecticut

Dear Mr. duTrieuille:

I hope you will pardon this inexcusable delay in replying to your thoughtful letter of February 28. I wanted several of my fellow staff members and others to see it, and in the process of circulation it got temporarily mislaid.

We are pleased that you feel the Southern Regional Council is the kind of organization through which you would like to make your contribution to race relations. As you might suppose, however, our staff is very limited and vacancies in professional positions are few and far between. May I suggest that you write to Mr. John Lassoe, National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials, 152 West 42nd Street, Room 1508, New York 36, New York. Mr. Lassoe carries on a clearinghouse function for persons interested in employment in the human relations field.

I wish it were possible for us to take advantage of your interest in the work of the Council. Please accept my best wishes for all that you undertake.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 24, 1958

Mr. W. H. Frey
Puritan Chemical Company
916 Ashby Street, N. W.
Atlanta 18, Georgia

Dear Bill:

Thanks ever so much for your contribution and, above all, for your kind and encouraging letter. Both kinds of support -- financial and moral -- mean a lot to us.

The thing that keeps an organization like the Council going is the thoughtfulness and help of people like you.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official Receipt)

March 24, 1958

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

1. Dan Dodson is an excellent guy, a good speaker and very knowledgable about the South. He is a Texan who speaks with a Southern accent and would be top draw for any use the South Carolina Council might have for him.

2. Thanks for returning the first quarterly report so promptly.

3. What is the situation regarding biracial staffing of the South Carolina Council?

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

March 24, 1958

Mrs. Elizabeth Brantley
2507 - E Goss Street
Boulder, Colorado

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All good wishes to you and E.J. and the little one.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

March 24, 1958

Mr. Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
P. O. Box 1307
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

Since I last talked with you, Art, Sam, Ruby, and I have put our heads together and agreed on a beginning of the Joint Fact-Finding Project. We assumed we had your proxy, but that doesn't prevent you from expressing dissent if anything about the arrangement seems questionable to you.

We agreed to ask Margaret Price to serve as the temporary project person. (I believe you and I talked about her qualifications on the telephone.) Since she will be working away from home base, we agreed on remuneration of $27 per day, plus an expense per diem of $8.00 per day. We estimate that this will comfortably allow for approximately 40 working days, within the limitations of our budget. Margaret has indicated her willingness to serve and will be ready to start right after Easter.

On another matter, I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Bob Hughes to Malin or Watts of ACLU. This is disturbing evidence that ACLU is not operating its Southern program with

the efficiency and zeal that Watts indicated at the interagency meeting. I am hoping to discuss this with the ACLUers in New York this week, my limited time there permitting.

Best regards,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Bob Hughes Ltr. to ACLU, dtd. March 18, 1958)

March 25, 1958

Mr. Johnny Glustrom
1860 Wellbourne Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Johnny:

I thought you should see what materials I sent to Seth Glickenhaus. I didn't want to overload him, but felt that this much would give him a general picture.

Many, many thanks.

As ever,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - SRC Annual Report, 1957
Congressional Record Reprint - 7/26/57
List of Board Members
N. Y. Times Reprint - 12/25/57

March 25, 1958

Miss Katharine Taylor
41 Hawthorne Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Katharine:

Recalling our conversation about the New York Foundation, I wanted you to know that we recently received word of a $5,000 grant from that source. I gather from confidential rumblings that even this amount (we asked for more) didn't roll through easily. But there seems to be reason to hope that the Council will grow on the one or two doubting trustees!

Vernon Eagle gave them some report, following his visit here, and I am sure that has helped our future chances.

Jane and I enjoyed your card and enthusiastically share the hope you expressed.

Yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 25, 1958

Mr. Ralph McGill, Editor
Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ralph:

Apropos of your good column on J. Edgar Hoover's book, I thought you would find pages 40-41 of the enclosed interesting. This hedging by Matthews is particularly significant since this reprint of his testimony is being widely distributed - apparently in Florida! - by the Georgia Commission on Education.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - "Communism and the NAACP"

March 25, 1958

Mr. Ralph McGill, Editor
Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ralph:

I wanted you to know that the New York Foundation has approved a grant of $5,000 to the Council. As Ashmore said, "You mean I did all that for a measly five!" (That's what comes of moving in philanthropic circles.) Even so, there's the extenuating fact that our prospects for further -- and increased -- aid from this foundation are good.

All thanks to you for your invaluable help.

Best regards,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL March 25, 1958

Mr. Seth Glickenhaus
100 Dorchester Road
Scarsdale, New York

Dear Mr. Glickenhaus:

At Johnny Glustrom's suggestion, I am sending you the enclosed material describing the history and activities of the Southern Regional Council.

As Johnny will have told you, the Council is the only organization of its kind that represents responsible white and Negro leaders throughout the South. I needn't tell you that, at a time like this, our work is cut out for us! But despite all the difficulties, we are encouraged by the quality of people who give allegiance and cooperation to the Council.

One of the great difficulties, of course, is securing adequate financial support for the many program demands that the Council faces. Many of the Southerners who can afford to help substantially are intimidated by fear of the extreme segregationists. Therefore, any support you can give, or help the Council secure, will be deeply appreciated.

I have occasion to come to New York fairly often, and I hope at some early date to talk with you personally. Meanwhile, kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - SRC Annual Report, 1957
Congressional Record Reprint - 7/26/57
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N. Y. Times Reprint - 12/25/57

cc: Claude A. Barnett, Dir.
, Associated Negro Press

March 25, 1958

Chicago Council on Foreign Relations
116 S. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Attn: Mrs. Rosenthal

Dear Mrs. Rosenthal:

Mr. Claude A. Barnett has suggested we write you concerning his suggestion of having Mrs. M. E. Tilly, the Council's Director of Women's Work, as a speaker for the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations.

Mrs. Tilly will be happy to serve as a speaker for your group, assuming your choice of dates does not conflict with prior commitments. Other than travel expenses, no fee or honorarium is necessary though any modest honorarium you might want to make would be considered a contribution to the Council.

We are enclosing a brief biographical sketch of Mrs. Tilly for your use.

If you care to correspond further on this matter, Mrs. Tilly can be reached at this address.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1

Material sent:
Publications Listings ~~(25)~~ (50)
Marion Wright's speech (50)
Three Views (2)
Next Steps (2)
What the Supreme Court Said (2)
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March 25, 1958

Mr. Frank T. Walker
New England Regional NAACP
64 Orlando Avenue
Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Walker:

Thank you for your letter of March 19, concerning Southern Regional Council materials.

We are sending you, under separate cover, two sets of additional material for the Boys Club and YMCA.

I hope this material will be useful.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Material mailed: 36 copies of February 1958, New South

March 25, 1958

Miss Sue R. Slaughter
522 Mowbray Arch
Norfolk 7, Virginia

Dear Miss Slaughter:

Your note to Harold Fleming concerning "The Southern Minister" reprints has been referred to me.

We do not have reprints of the article but I am mailing you, under separate cover, thirty-six copies for your Ministers' Fellowship.

New South

If you or any group there in Norfolk are interested in reprinting it, you may do so. The four page article can easily be reproduced by offset printing.

In any case, the thirty-six copies are on the way.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Material sent:

Desegregation in the Baltimore Schools
Ralph McGill's article
N. Y. Times article on The Louisville Story
N. Y. Times reprint, The Southern Negro
Wall St. Journal Reprint, Religion and Race
" " " " , Segregation Costs
Three Views
Next Steps
The Louisville Story
The Negro and the Schools (Ashmore)
Feb. New South (56)
March " " (56)

March 25, 1958

Mr. Harry S. Jones
Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

The portion of your report asking about suggestions for material for superintendents has been referred to me.

I am sending you, under separate cover, a sample copy of some of the things we have in quantity. Let me know which ones you think might be of particular use and I will write you concerning availability.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

List mailed: Organizations and Personnel Engaged in Human Relations Activities in the South

Reading File

Affiliated with TCHR

March 25, 1958

Mrs. Gerard deSaussure, Secretary
Oak Ridge Community Relations Council
114 West Arrowwood Road
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. deSaussure:

Your letter concerning similar organizations to your Oak Ridge Community Relations Council has been referred to me. We are sending you a list of such groups operating on a state and regional level in the South.

As to the Southern School News, it is located at P. O. Box 6156, Acklen Station, Nashville 5, Tennessee. It is the official publication of the Southern Education Reporting Service and is intended as an objective, fact-finding agency to provide information on developments in education arising from the U. S. Supreme Court decision. In the words from the publication, the Southern School News "is not an advocate, is neither pro-segregation nor anti-segregation, but simply reports the facts as it finds them, state by state." The newspaper includes correspondence from each of the Southern states, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Delaware and West Virginia. These are all newspaper men.

If we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

March 25, 1958

Circulation Department
Chicago Tribune
Tribune Square
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Please send us the series by Joseph Ator on Segregation which started in your paper about November 11.

Bill us for cost.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

March 25, 1958

Reverend W. Raymond Berry, Chairman
Christian Social Action
Southeast Convention
United Congregational Chruch
623 Juniper Street
LaGrange, Georgia

Dear Mr. Berry:

I notice from your recent letter that you intended to be in Atlanta on March 17, and mentioned that you would come by the Southern Regional Council concerning materials for your April conference. If you came by the Council, I missed you.

If you are still interested in the material, I will be glad to mail you some sample copies if you find that you will not be able to come by the office. In the meantime, I am putting your name on our mailing list.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Air mail Special Delivery

March 25, 1958

Mr. Charles Hesser
Miami Daily News
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Hesser:

Your wire was received in this office today, and in the absence of Harold Fleming, we are enclosing herewith our only available information on the Negro voter outside the South, Henry Lee Moon's, The Negro Vote in the Presidential Election of 1956.

We hope this article will be of some help to you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bc

March 25, 1958

Broadcasting and Film Commission
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.
220 Fifth Avenue
New York 1, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

We would be grateful if you would send us twenty-five copies of each of your promotional pieces on the film "Face of the South". We have on file here two items -- a mimeographed sheet, and a leaflet which includes a picture of Dr. Mitchell: if any other literature is available about the film we should be glad to have copies of that too.

Sincerely,

Faith C. Lawson
Secretary to Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

FCL:s

March 25, 1958

Rev. Robert E. Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218, Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Thanks for sending me a copy of the letter to Paul. I was immensely pleased to learn that Tom Thrasher has become President of the Alabama Council. I believe he is a mighty fine guy who knows his way around the field, yet maintains a good deal of support in the general community. I believe your Board has been strenthened by the addition of Father Foley as a Vice-President too. I certainly hope that Duncan Hunter has remained on the Board and the Executive Committee for he too is an excellent guy.

I am sure you recall that your second quarterly report was due in this office last Friday but has not yet been received. I had hoped that after the tardiness of the last report that this one would come in on time. It's kind of lonely being the only one who makes excuses for our state Directors when they are derelict.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

p.s. Please send us for our files the new list of Board members of the Alabama Council elected at this recent meeting.

FBR:fcl

March 25, 1958

Rev. Nat. R. Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 W. Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Many thanks for your letter of the 21st. I don't have any suggestions at the present time for Associate Director of the Arkansas Council. I would guess off-hand that somebody from Arkansas would be best suited for the job, though I would not limit enquiries to the state. I suggest that as a member of NAIRO you write John Lassoe who maintains a directory of available personnel and also of professional openings in the field. His address is:

John Lassoe
Executive Secretary
National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials
152 West 42nd Street, Room 1508
New York 36, N.Y.

We would prefer that you take sufficient time to find a well-qualified person than jump at the first person who appears readily available. There will be no pressure from this office for you to rush into hiring. We have every confidence that you will move on this matter as rapidly as is consistent with good practices.

Please give my regards to Bert and Fred. All my best to you.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

March 25, 1958

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

This is in response to your letter of March 24th to Harold. He and I have discussed the situation in South Carolina as we understand it and, based upon instructions from our last Executive Committee meeting, we have decided that the South Carolina Council's allotment for the next quarter should be the same as other states similarly staffed. The original allotment, which was larger than that granted to other states, was based upon interracial professional staffing. Since that situation will not exist during the coming quarter the reason for the extra amount is gone.

Other states, similarly staffed to the South Carolina Council at the present time, were allotted $4,000 for the year, or $1,000 per quarter. This will now apply to South Carolina. I am sure you know that this in no way reflects upon the South Carolina Council, its Board, its Director, or our confidence in them. It is dictated by a sense of equitable treatment for all state groups.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

March 25, 1958

Rev. Thomas R. Thrasher
Church of the Ascension
315 Clanton Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Tom:

It certainly gave me an unusual amount of pleasure to hear that you had been elected President of the Alabama Council on Human Relations. I am convinced that there is nothing which you could do at this time which will have more meaning to the future of a democratic society in Alabama. I am convinced that because of the talents and interest and experience which you bring to the position the Alabama Council will continue to grow and to expand its activities in helpful ways. I am convinced that because you approach this from a religious standpoint that the organization will remain true to its basic task.

My sincerest congratulations for being elected and my heartfelt gratitude for undertaking this added responsibility. If there is anything that we can do to help please feel free to call on us.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

MATERIALS SENT:

Updated Higher Education list
Thermofax of map - SSS
Louisville Story
Publications list
Thermofax of chart - THE REGION

Inquiries like this should be referred to ADL's S.E. Office here in Atlanta - not New York
HCF

March 26, 1958

Mrs. Catherine B. Taylor
Lane College
Jackson, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

In answer to your letter of March 23rd, we are forwarding under separate cover some materials which may be helpful to you in your program. We do not have film strips dealing with your subject; however, the Anti-Defamation League, whose New York address is 515 Madison Avenue, New York City 22, does have a more extensive library of audio-visual aids which are rented upon request.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

Reading File

March 26, 1958

Rev. John Paul Carter
The Canterbury Association
All Saints' Episcopal Church
209 West 27th Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Jack:

Thanks for your good letter of the 20th with the enclosed list of the members of the Diocesan Committee on Race Relations. I will write them all a personal letter and enclose samples of materials as you suggest. I hope this will be of some service to them.

Your suggestion of establishing interracial work projects in the South is a good one. This has been tried with varying degrees of success by the American Friends Service Committee, the Wesley Foundation, and the Unitarian Service Committee as I recall. I would like to see the Holy Mother Church participate in such a program. I shall therefore plan to see Mrs. Reid when I am in New York.

Regarding your question about writing Dr. Jacob Seidenberg (correct spelling), I see no harm in doing so, but the indication from the two representatives of the President's Committee on Government Contracts was that it was best to approach the Committee through its members not its staff. Emory Via, SRC's Labor Consultant, will be back in the office on Monday and I will leave a note asking him to write you his thinking on this matter. He is fairly well acquainted with the work of the President's Committee. If you decide to write certainly it would be a good idea to enlist the aid of Will Campbell.

Continued . . .

Rev. John Paul Carter March 26, 1958

I will send you a copy of the sample materials I am sending the Diocesan Committee on Race Relations. I will also send a copy of the personal (but form) letter I am sending the members. I am not certain when I will be out to Austin, but certainly before the spring is through. I look forward to seeing you then, if not before. Please keep in touch meanwhile.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.

FBR:fcl

bc: John Constable

March 26, 1958

Mrs. Maurice Barnes
3217 Robin Road
Waco, Texas

Dear Mrs. Barnes:

The Rev. John Paul Carter, Episcopal Chaplain at the University of Texas, has suggested that, as a member of the Diocesan Committee on Race Relations, you might be interested in receiving some materials from the Southern Regional Council. I am sending, separately, a sampling of materials published or distributed by us. I hope you will find them helpful in your deliberations on this important question.

As an Episcopalian I am tremendously proud of what our Church has said in its official statement on this crucial matter. It has been my pleasure to work with the Rev. Cornelius Tarplee, Race Relations specialist with the National Council of our Church. When this period of transition is over it is my prayerful hope that we Episcopalians may look back and say "we helped give the movement Christian direction."

Faithfully yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

March 26, 1958

List of materials sent to members of Diocesan Committee on Race Relations at the request of Rev. John Paul Carter, Austin, Texas:

Next Steps in the South
Three Views of the Supreme Court decision
What the Supreme Court said
New South, Feb 1958
" " Nov 1957
~~In the Hearts of Men~~
2 Reprint from Wall Street Journal - Costs of Segregation: Religion & Race
Reprint of Popham in New York Times Magazine
Study of desegregation in the schools issued by National Council of Churches (per Ed Lantz)

Members of Texas Diocesan Race Relations Commission:

Mrs. Maurice Barnes
3217 Robin Road
Waco, Texas

Rev. Arthur Caollway
4711 Ribbecke Street
Austin, Texas

Rev. Albert J. Ettling
510 13th Avenue N.
Texas City, Texas

Mrs. Davis Faulkner
2153 DelMonte
Houston, Texas

Mrs. M. C. Forbes
219 Clayton
Houston 17, Texas

Mr. LeRoy Jeffers
674 Piney Point Road
Houston, Texas

Rev. Francis Johnson
606 Rathervue Place
Austin, Texas

Mr. Bruce Jones
2733 Cameron
Tyler, Texas

Mr. Stephen Kardell
P.O. Bo x 25
San Augustine, Texas

Mr. Oscar Neuhaus
1710 First City National Bank Building
Houston, Texas

Mrs. Clinton S. Quin
417 Hillcrest Drive
Richmond, Texas

Very Rev. Milton Richardson
1117 Texas Avenue
Houston, Texas

Mrs. Anita Stanton
4401 O½ Street
Galveston, Texas

Rev. Fred Sutton
1410 41st Street
Galveston, Texas

Dr. John H. Ward
Texas College
Tyler, Texas

Prof. Charles Allan Wright
University of Texas
Austin 12, Texas

March 26, 1958

Mr. P. D. East
P. O. Box 349
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Mr. East:

Your letter arrived as Harold was leaving the office. We had hoped to avoid the unpleasant matter of money, however due to the firmness of your request we have been instructed to reply immediately. We estimate that some 75 sheets of thermo-fax paper were used. At a cost of .05 each, this comes to a total of $3.75.

Such services are, of course, all considered as part of the Council's program. Yet good capitalists never turn down good money and we're good capitalists.

Regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

March 26, 1958

Mrs. Grace Hamilton
Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

We are enclosing herewith the only materials we found to be available concerning closing dates for voting registration in the Southern states.

Since in most states registration closing regulations are codified in terms of a specified time period before an individual election, we are also enclosing a listing of the dates of 1958 state elections for your use.

We hope this information will be of help to you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

Enclosures: Registration Closing Dates for Southern states
State Elections in 1958

March 26, 1958

Mr. Allen D. Grimshaw
Department of Sociology
University of Pennsylvania
Philadephia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Grimshaw:

In reply to your request dated March 22nd, we are forwarding under separate cover copies of two publications of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, The Mob Still Rides (1936), and The Changing Character of Lynching (1942).

If you have not already contacted these sources, you may wish to write the NAACP for a copy of What Caused the Detroit Riot?, by Walter White and Thurgood Marshall (July, 1943), and the Public Affairs Committee (30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, New York) for their pamphlet No. 87 (1944) Why Race Riots? - Lessons from Detroit, by Earl Brown. The Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, remains a good source for materials documenting lynchings.

We hope our materials will be of some use to you in your work.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:BC

March 26, 1958

Miss Dorothy I. Height
National President
National Council of Negro Women
1318 Vermont Avenue, N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Miss Height:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the minutes of the last meeting of the Southern Interagency Conference. The group, which meets quarterly, represents some thirty private and religious agencies interested in race relations in the South. At these meetings there is a sharing of information and program plans and joint efforts are planned in those areas where such planning and cooperation is desirable. By request, the Southern Regional Council serves as secretariat of the group.

We are placing your name on the Interagency mailing list since we have noted with pleasure the announcement of your election as President of the National Council of Negro Women. Earlier, Mrs. Mason was designated as the recipient of these materials.

The next meeting of the group is scheduled for May 27 - 28. It would be a pleasure to have you join us in that meeting if your schedule permits.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures - Directory of Agencies
Interagency Conf. Minutes

March 26, 1958

Mr. C. H. Yarrow
American Friends Service Committee
Twenty South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Yarrow:

The Council has become interested in a situation involving Dr. Otis W. Smith, a young doctor who was recently forced to leave Fort Valley, Georgia. The enclosed material will describe that situation and its aftermath.

Dr. Smith's trial and the legal agreements made since the trial are subject to considerable question. Of more immediate importance, however, is the problem of getting Dr. Smith and his family resettled. In that regard and at the request of Dr. Smith and several of his friends we have agreed to call this situation to the attention of the Rights of Conscience Program.

We have explained to Dr. Smith that we do not know of what funds, if any, you have available. And, of course, we are not able to determine the merits of this situation relative to other demands you may have. However, we do feel that if you are able to offer any assistance

such aid would be appreciated and justified.

I trust the enclosed material is sufficient to give you an understanding of Dr. Smith's situation. If further information is needed or if we can assist in any other way, we will be happy to do so.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

Enclosures: Background Info. on Dr. Smith
News clip - Atl. Const. March 19, 1958
Sworn Statement from Dr. Smith to
Superior Court of Peach County, Ga.

Background Information on Dr. Otis W. Smith

Dr. Smith began his medical practice in Fort Valley, Georgia in November 1955. In addition to his private practice he served as campus physician for Fort Valley College for Negroes, a state school.

The incident described in the attached clipping occurred on June 25, 1957. Within a week of that date, Dr. Smith was relieved of his position as campus physician and was denied further access to the local hospital. According to Dr. Smith these two incidents reduced his income by approximately one-third. However, he was able to continue his private practice.

On March 10, 1958, Dr. Smith was sentenced to eight months in jail for "using approbious words in the presence of a white woman." On March 17, after securing an agreement from Dr. Smith that he would leave the county immediately, the sentence was suspended and Dr. Smith was fined $500. Attached is a copy of the statement which Dr. Smith was required to sign before being released from jail.

Dr. Smith is now in Atlanta. It has been necessary for Mrs. Smith to make arrangements for the moving and storage of their furniture and medical equipment. They have yet to decide on a new location.

Dr. Smith has supplied the following information concerning his financial condition. He faces a complete loss of income until such time as he can establish his medical practice in a new area. He owes a remainder of approximately $2,000

of the obligations he assumed on establishing his family and medical practice in Fort Valley. His attorney's fees have amounted to $250 and he owes a personal debt of $500; the amount he was required to pay before being released from jail.

In addition to these obligations Dr. Smith is concerned about having to dispose of a 105 acre farm which he purchased in January 1957. He arranged payment on a long-term basis, in anticipation of remaining in the community. The farm has been considerably improved and fruit trees have been planted on 75 acres during the past year. He now feels that any potential buyer will take advantage of his position; he is concerned about the safety of any Negro tenant who might be persuaded to manage the farm for him; and, threats have been made that any products from the farm will be subject to local boycott.

If these conditions remain, it is likely that Dr. Smith will encounter a considerable loss in disposing of this property.

March 26, 1958

Mr. Charles L. Robbins
330 N.W. Fifteenth Street
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mr. Robbins:

Mr. William M. Ferguson has asked that I write you and tell you how I am traveling to Gainesville for the workshop. I am motoring down with Guy Wells and Paul Rilling. We now expect to arrive in Gainesville Friday afternoon, 28th March. You might contact Hal Lewis at the University, for some time ago I asked him to make reservations for us, and I believe I stipulated starting the night of the 27th. Due to a change in plans this is now incorrect. Dr. Lewis said something about making reservations at a tourist court. If the workshop is to end by early afternoon on Saturday (we have not yet received a program) we would leave shortly thereafter en route for home. If the workshop lasts until Saturday evening we would probably stay overnight and leave early Sunday morning. I trust that any accommodations which have been secured were arranged on that basis.

With best wishes, and looking forward to seeing you at the workshop.

I am,

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

March 26, 1958

Mr. Louis A. Radelet
Commission on Community Organizations
National Conference of Christians and Jews
43 West 57th Street
New York 19, N.Y.

Dear Lou:

I hope to be able to attend the resources and planning committee meeting scheduled for May 1st in New York. I would prefer a dinner or evening meeting to one during the afternoon, but will try to accommodate the rest of the group if they desire otherwise. Please let me know when the meeting is scheduled. This means, of course, I will attend NAIRO's Board meeting on May 2nd and 3rd. I look forward to seeing you then.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

March 26, 1958

Mr. Edward Howden
Executive Director
Council for Civic Unity of San Francisco
437 Market Street
San Francisco 5, California

Dear Ed:

Received your wire and hasten to reply. We have no picture of Marion Wright available. However, I called him and he is sending you air mail a glossy 8 x 10.

We have no 8 x 10 of me available, but I am sending you a shot we have been using for publicity purposes -- remarkable what a touch-up artist can do; everything but give you hair!

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.
FBR:fcl

March 26, 1958

Mr. Will D. Campbell
National Council of Churches
Race Relations Division
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

Thanks for sending me a copy of your March 24th letter to Bob Hughes. I know that he must appreciate your words of encouragement and must feel better because there is someone concerned about his problems. I hope it will be possible for you to drop in on the meeting on April 15th-16th. I have met with that group and they are a thoughtful and constructive force in Alabama.

Hope you meet with success with the executive committee of CCD in New York.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

March 26, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: Harold C. Fleming

From: Frederick B. Routh

Re: Florida weekend

I shall be spending a British weekend in Florida (three days to the uninitiated). I will be attending the workshop jointly sponsored by the Gainesville Council on Human Relations, the religious associations, and the School of Education of the University of Florida.

I can be contacted through Dr. Hal Lewis (State Chairman of the Florida Council) at the University. Or in emergency by calling Mr. Robbins at Gainesville 2-8403.

Like Rhett Butler I shall return to Tara on Sunday afternoon late.

P.S. Guy Wells, Paul Rilling and I are driving together in the Cadillac. We are leaving the birds at home. We leave Thursday afternoon.

March 27, 1958

Miss Thelma W. Babbitt
American Friends Service Committee
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia, 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Thelma:

Thank you for your recent letter with the enclosed copy of the letter you hope to send to prospective NAIRO-ites.

I would suggest Harry Jones (121 East Third Street, Room 209, Charlotte, North Carolina) and Bill Williams (213 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida) for membership committee assignments. They are the Directors of our cooperating state groups in their respective states. I am enclosing a list of professionals in the field of inter-group relations who should be members of NAIRO and who I am sure would welcome a letter from you. Feel free to say that I suggested their names. I hope this helps.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.

FBR:fcl

March 27, 1958

HUMAN RELATIONS PROFESSIONALS SUGGESTED BY FREDERICK B. ROUTH AS POSSIBLE MEMBERS FOR NAIRO:

1. Executive Directors of state Human Relations Councils:

Rev. Robert E. Hughes
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218, Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Mr. Nat Griswold
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Mr. William K. Williams
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N.E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dr. Guy H. Wells
Georgia Council on Human Relations
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Rev. Hugh Brimm
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
4435 Blenheim Road
Louisville 7, Kentucky

Rev. Harry S. Jones
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Rev. Edwin G. Kloppe
Texas Council on Human Relations
407 West 27th Street
Austin, Texas

Dr. John H. Marion
Virginia Council on Human Relations
1409 Chowan Road
Richmond 26, Virginia

2. Personnel of other agencies:

Mr. F. E. Hutchens
Regional Executive Secretary
American Friends Service Committee
407 W. 27th Street
Austin, Texas

Mr. Wade Mackie
American Friends Service Committee
Merit Employment Program
1608 Government Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Mr. Tartt Bell
Regional Executive Secretary
American Friends Service Committee
P.O. Box 1307
High Point, North Carolina

Mr. Samuel Lubin
Regional Director
American Jewish Committee
41 Exchange Place, S.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. Seymour Samet
Regional Director
American Jewish Committee
1208 Congress Building
Miami, Florida

Mr. Gustave Falk
Regional Director
American Jewish Committee
523 Fidelity Building
Dallas 2, Texas

Mr. Haskell L. Lazere
American Jewish Congress
Congress Building, Room 906
111 N.E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Mr. Murray Friedman
Regional Director
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
403 E. Franklin Street, Room 211
Richmond, Virginia

Continued . . .

Mr. Arthur J. Levin
Regional Director
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
41 Exchange Place, S.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Mr. Nathan Perlmutter
Regional Director
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
330 Seybold Building
Miami, Florida

Mr. Irving Schulman
Regional Director
Anti-Defamation Leageu of B'nai B'rith
606 Common Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Mr. Theodore Freedman
Regional Director
Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'rith
1101 Blodgett Street
Houston 4, Texas

Miss Dorothy Hampton
Race Relations Department
Congregational Christian Churches
1530 Benneham Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Mrs. Pauline Puryear
Race Relations Department
Congregational Christian Churches
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

Rev. Edward A. Driscoll
Executive Secretary
Georgia Council of Churches
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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895½ Hunter Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. Gordon W. Lovejoy
National Program Consultant
National Conference of Christians and Jews
P.O. Box 507
Guilford College, North Carolina

Mr. Will D. Campbell
Associate Executive Director
National Council of Churches
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Mr. Harry L. Alston
Director, Southern Field Division
National Urban League
250 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Mrs. Jean Russell
Board of Christian Education
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
824 Tusculm Boulevard
Greenville, Tennessee

Mr. Malcolm P. Calhoun
Board of Church Extension
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.
341-B Ponce de Leon Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.
President
Southern Leadership Conference
530 South Union Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Rev. Galen Martin
Unitarian Service Committee
Box 887
Knoxville, Tennessee

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Area Student Council
Y.M.C.A.
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Miss Florence C. Harris
Southern Regional Office
Y.W.C.A.
41 Exchange Place, S.E. Suite 201
Atlanta 3, Georgia

March 28, 1958

Miss Ruth Bartholomew
Paine College
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Ruth:

Dr. Calhoun has sent me the "oration" you delivered on Mrs. M. E. Tilly when she received her citation. I did't take it in that night but now I am exceedingly flattered that you who know me so well could say such exaggerated things. It is nice to have you for such a friend.

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Deeply appreciative.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

Encls. Voting Study
Congressional Record Reprint
Thermofaxed copies of C. Record Reprint showing
county-by-county figures
Ltr. from Sen. Douglas
and News clips on Voting Study

VIA AIR MAIL March 28, 1958

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

As you can see, I have made our request to the Field Foundation the first order of business on my return. With more time, the proposal might have been better written or more detailed, but I believe it gives a reasonably good account of the project we have in mind.

Since you have recently had our annual report and audit, I am limiting the enclosures to those exhibits which bear specifically on the proposed project.

I enjoyed our conversation yesterday afternoon and greatly appreciate your willingness to consider this eleventh-hour request. Please let me know if further information on any point would be helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Enclosures

A PROPOSAL TO THE FIELD FOUNDATION

FROM THE

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

March 28, 1958

Synopsis

This is a request for a one-year grant of $10,000 to make possible a continuing survey of Negro registration and voting in the South. This current survey would follow up the Council's regionwide study of Negro suffrage in 1956. It would have special timeliness because of the great national interest in the pivotal right to vote. By virtue of experience in this area of fact-finding and relations with the press, other media, and appropriate official agencies, the Council is uniquely fitted to carry on the proposed project.

1956 Survey

Beginning in the Spring of 1956, the Council devoted a major part of its fact-finding efforts to the compilation of data on the status of Negro suffrage in the South. The most ambitious survey of its kind yet attempted, the study drew together county-by-county registration figures for most of the Southern states. Information on discrimination, apathy, and other obstacles to proportionate use of the ballot by Negroes was also collected.

The fact-finding in each state was directed by a skilled and respected social scientist, in most cases university-based. The findings were analyzed in terms of the potentially eligible population and county data on urbanization, economy, education, etc. The results were made available in several reports, the most comprehensive being The Negro Voter in the South by Margaret Price. The Council's survey provided almost the only reliable data in this field at a time when public opinion and Congressional debate centered on the right to vote. Enclosed are several exhibits illustrating the widespread impact of the survey findings.

Current Developments

Access to the ballot by Negroes continues to be a central and contested issue. Since the passage of the Civil Rights Act in August 1957, the following developments have taken place: (1) Several states have enacted new restrictive legislation designed to curtail Negro registration and voting; other state legislatures are expected to pass such measures. (2) Through such organizations as the NAACP and the Southern Leadership Conference, Negroes have launched intensive registration campaigns. (3) A new civil rights division, concerned specifically with voting, has been created within the Department of Justice; the newly authorized Civil Rights Commission has been appointed, and the staff director is awaiting Senate confirmation.

All of these developments point to the need for a continuing flow of information on registration and voting practices across the region. It will be some time before any appreciable amount of fact-finding can be done by the new Federal agencies. Meanwhile, the Council has received from the Department of Justice, private organizations concerned with voting discrimination, and the press, requests for current information on Negro suffrage in the South. We believe that the continuing survey proposed will be a valuable aid to the elimination of restrictions on the voting rights of Negro Southerners. The strategic importance of the ballot in the solution of the South's acute racial problems is too obvious to require detailed discussion here.

The Proposed Project

We propose to update and keep current the record of registration and voting practices in the eight states where voting discrimination presents serious problems -- Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. The part-time services of fact-finding consultants -- mainly social scientists who have followed the development of Negro suffrage in one or more states -- will be employed. The findings of these consultants will be correlated, supplemented as necessary, and prepared for publication and other uses by the staff

of the Council, with the assistance of an experienced part-time person employed for a total of about three months of the project year. This, in a limited degree, is the pattern used successfully in the 1956 survey.

The information to be sought may be briefly characterized as follows: (1) Current estimates - or official figures where available - of registration in selected counties of the eight-state area. It would not be feasible to update the figures for all counties, but the sampling will be large enough to show major trends. (2) Documented information on the application of restrictive laws and extra-legal methods used to disfranchise potential Negro registrants. (3) Methods and results of Negro registration efforts, including obstacles growing out of social, psychological, and economic problems within the Negro group.

The Proposed Budget

Consultant Fees	
Central Project Consultant	$ 1,600
State Consultants	4,200
Expenses	
Travel and per diem	1,600
Communications	1,000
Clerical	600
Central Office	
Staff direction and overhead	1,000
Total Requested	$10,000

March 28, 1958

Mr. E. Clayton Calhoun
President
Paine College
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Calhoun:

Thank you so much for sending me the words spoken by Miss Bartholomew at the Citation Dinner. This is quite an added courtesy on your part, but so much like you. Please accept my thanks.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Calhoun.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

March 28, 1958

Mr. Patrick M. Malin
American Civil Liberties Union
170 - 5th Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Malin:

I am so glad and so blessed that I had the opportunity to be at the Biennial Conference as it was very stimulating and I became more and more appreciative of the great work of the Union.

Did I ever tell you that Edgar Hoover told us of the President's Civil Rights Committee that the thing he appreciated most was a letter he received from Mr. Roger Baldwin congratulating him on the fact that there was no sabotage during World War II? This was a tribute to the American Civil Liberties Union.

With the best of wishes always, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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Encl. (Expense account)

March 28, 1958

Mr. Warren Breed
Associate Professor
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Newcomb College
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Breed:

Thank you for your letter of March 27, 1958, and your inquiry concerning a NEW SOUTH article.

We would be delighted to consider the article by your student. Actually we would like to get more of these types of articles for our publication.

As the Council is a non-profit organization, we are unable to pay for such articles and if Mrs. Cummings is still interested we will look forward to seeing the article.

About three or four NEW SOUTH pages would be the correct length.

Again thanks, and please let us hear from you again soon.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

March 31, 1958

The Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Will you please send us a copy of your booklet -- The American Tradition in 1957 -- which was advertised in the AFL-CIO Education News and Views for February 1958.

Sincerely,

Faith C. Lawson
Secretary to Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

FCL:s

March 31, 1958

Publications Department
International Union of Electrical, Radio, and
Machine Workers, AFL-CIO
1126 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Will you please send us a copy of the following pamphlet advertised in the AFL-CIO Education News and Views for February 1958:

The Economic Cost of Distrimination: an address by Rep. George McGovern before the IUE, AFL-CIO Civil Rights Conference, May 1957.

Sincerely,

Faith C. Lawson
Secretary to Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

FCL:s

March 31, 1958

Mr. Lucius Pitts
201 Ashby Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Pitts:

Enclosed is a letter received today from C. H. Yarrow, Director of the AFSC, Rights of Conscience Program.

The letter speaks for itself and outlines pretty clearly both the hope for aid to Dr. Smith and the problems involved. I trust you will pass this information on to Dr. Smith.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Ltr. from C. H. Yarrow - dtd. 3/28/58)

March 31, 1958

Miss Peggy McKinney
Box 161
Wesleyan College
Macon, Georgia

Dear Miss McKinney:

Thank you for your letter of March 30th informing me that you are to be my hostess during my visit to the Wesleyan College campus for Christian Emphasis Week.

As you know I will be there only for Tuesday, April 15th. The College Chaplain called and asked that I speak at a 10 o'clock class. I shall drive to Macon and arrive by 9.30 a.m. that morning. It will be necessary for me to leave for Atlanta shortly after lunch.

I am pleased that you have been designated as my hostess and I am looking forward to meeting you on the 15th.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

March 31, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: Harold C. Fleming

From: Frederick B. Routh

Re: Gainesville, Florida, Workshop

The workshop in Gainesville, Florida was sponsored by the Gainesville Council on Human Relations and the Student Religious Association at the University of Florida. It was attended by slightly over 100 people, the majority of whom were college professors, Negro leaders and townspeople, plus a few students. Attached hereto is the publicity release put out by the institute.

Guy Wells, Paul Rilling and I rode down there together in Guy Wells' automobile. We owe him $32.00 (400 miles at 8 cents -- half the distance). He will submit a voucher for this.

General comment at the conclusion of the conference indicated that this year's workshop was more productive than last year's. There was more of an opportunity for people to discuss their problems in the local community. They were less talked at and more talked with. Those of us who participated in the program felt the conference was worth the effort and expense involved. It helped to open further lines of communication between the Negro and white leadership and provided several specific suggestions as to what the local Council might do.

March 31, 1958

Miss Ella Fischmann
Back Copy Department
Chicago Tribune
Tribune Square
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Miss Fischmann:

We would like the articles by Joseph Ator which started November, 1957. We are enclosing our check in the amount of $5.10 to cover the cost.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to the Director of
Information

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Encls.
Check No. 1796

The Committee authorized the staff to prepare, in addition to the approved minimum budget, a proposed maximum budget of approximately $207,000. This maximum budget, reflecting needed additional program activity, may be used by the staff as and if funds become available.

March 31, 1958

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thank you for your recent card calling our attention to the error on page 6 of the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting.

All members of the Committee have been informed of the error and sent a corrected paragraph to be attached to the minutes. I am also attaching a corrected paragraph for your files.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mildred Flowers
Secretary

MF
Enclosure - 1

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Same ltr. sent to all members of Exec. Comm. ~~Members~~

March 31, 1958

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Please note on page 6 of the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, paragraph 1, the figure given for the maximum budget is $207.00, instead of $207,000. We regret that this typographical error appeared in the final copy.

Please attach the enclosed paragraph to your copy of the minutes showing the correction.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mildred Flowers
Secretary

MF
Enclosure 1